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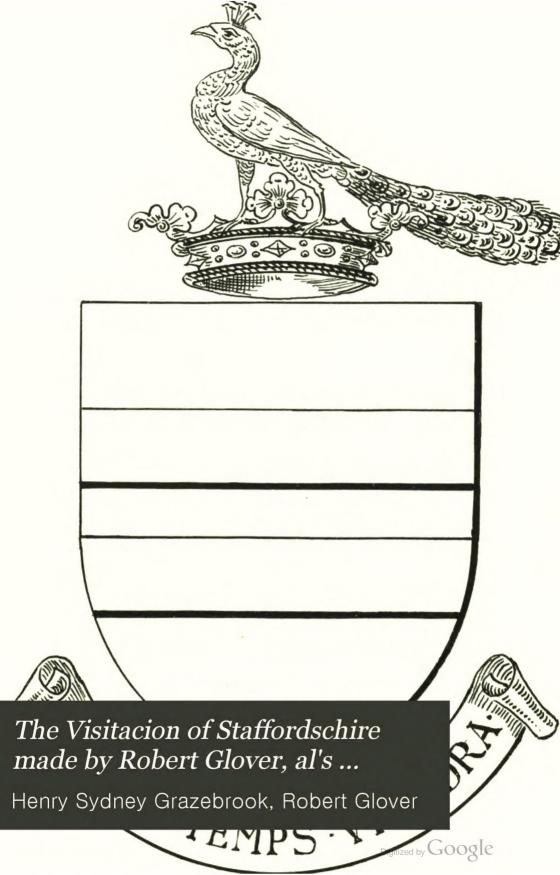
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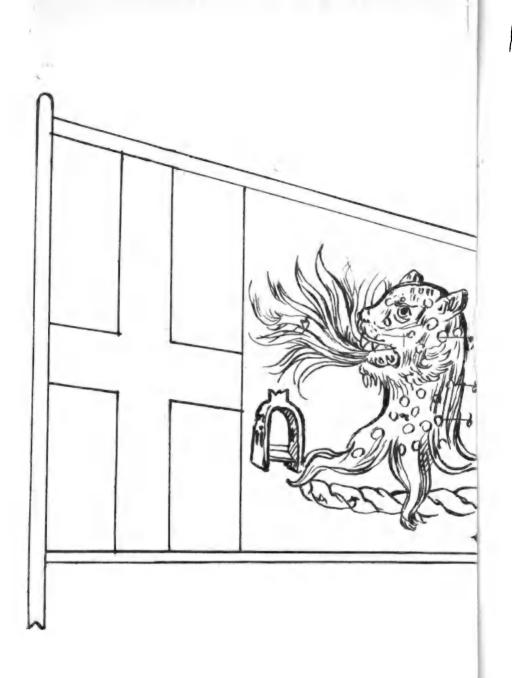






The

Visitacion of Staffordschire.



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Introduction.

THE Visitation contained in the following pages was made by Robert Glover, Somerset Herald, as deputy to his father-in-law, William Flower, Norroy King of Arms.

Glover, who was made Somerset Herald in 1571, was born at Ashford in Kent in 1543. Erdeswick styles him "the only sufficient man in his time for armorye and descents in this land," and Sir William Dugdale considered him "the best Herald that did ever belong to the office." So high was his reputation for professional skill and unwearied attention, that the contemporary provincial Kings of Arms sent him on several occasions to visit the counties in their marches; and, besides Staffordshire, he either visited or assisted in the Visitatious of the several counties of Chester, Derby, Durham, Lancaster, Northumberland, and York. But his "Somer too soone set," for he died at the early age of forty-five in 1588.

The manuscript from which the Visitation here printed is transcribed is a small folio in the William Salt Library, which I have ventured to designate "The Stukeley MS."

It has a somewhat curious history. Inside the cover is written in a large bold hand:

"Wm STURELEY.
This book I redeem'd
from a shop where
it was to be used
as waste paper,
1756,
and given to Eardley Wilmot."

This is the handwriting of the learned antiquary Dr. William Stukeley, who was born in 1687, and died in 1765. On the flyleaf is the autograph of "John Eardley Wilmot, July 1811;" and inside the cover are pasted two armorial bookplates of the Wilmot family, viz., "Sir John Eardley

Wilmot, Knt., London," and "John Eardley Wilmot, Berkswell Hall."

From the Wilmots the manuscript passed into the possession of William Hamper, F.S.A., from whose representatives it was acquired by Mr. Salt.

By whom or when this MS. was written I am unable to say; but a pencil note by Mr. Hamper, dated 1817, states that it "evidently belonged to Wm. Booth, of Witton, Esq. (the friend of Dugdale), from his notes in various parts of it." This William Booth was an eminent barrister and a noted antiquary. Dugdale, in his "Warwickshire," speaks of him as "a gentleman so well affected to antiquities that by his judicious observation of sundry notable things concerning this part of the countie (which with much freenesse he hath imparted toward this present work) he deserves a better acknowledgment from me than by a few words can be expressed." Hamper ("Life of Dugdale," p. 125) states that he had retrieved a few of Mr. Booth's collections (this very MS. being no doubt one of the few), but that he had sought in vain for one of his volumes, entitled "Descents of some gentlemen, and others our neighbours, in and about Birmingham, set down by me William Booth, of the Middle Temple, London, according to the best intelligence I could have from old men, and from notes and papers which concern others in our study, 1641." Shaw, the historian of Staffordshire, found this MS. in the possession of Erasmus Darwin of Derby in 1791, and from it copied the (not quite accurate) pedigree of Stamford of Perry Hall given in his second volume, p. 109.*

The original, or office copy, of Glover's Visitation of Staffordshire had in Dugdale's time "long been purloined from the office." But Noble† asserts that the true original, "written by Somerset at the time of the Visitation, and signed by those gentlemen who gave him information relative to their families," is in the library of Queen's College, Oxford.

Noble's work has been described by a competent judge as "careless and inaccurate," and he himself as a "perpetual

[•] In the College of Arms is a quarto volume of pedigrees in the handwriting of Nicholas Charles, Lancaster Herald, with additions by Mr. Booth. At the beginning is written, "William Booth of Witton his book, 1660."

† "History of the College of Arms," Appendix, p. xxxi.

blunderer." But in this case he is generally allowed to be correct.

The MS. to which he refers has every appearance of being the original, and if the signatures* are not genuine they are very clever imitations. With this volume the Stukeley MS. agrees in almost every particular. But in order to perfect his MS. Mr. Salt caused it to be carefully collated with the reputed original; several missing pedigrees were supplied, t and all variations noted. The gentleman employed in this work was Mr. Thorpe, who speaks of the Queen's College MS. as "Glover's original Visitation, in an old vellum binding." Mr. Thorpe's notes upon this and several other manuscript copies of the Visitation are in the William Salt Library, and will be more particularly referred to in the sequel.

The first entire Visitation ever published was that of Durham taken by Flower (assisted by Glover) in 1575. This was issued in 1820, and is noticed in the "Gentleman's Magazine" for that year (July, p. 45). The reviewer describes it as "a perfect novelty in the annals of genealogical literature." For. says he, "notwithstanding that several copies of these records are extant both in our public and private libraries, they have never yet been made accessible through the medium of the press." This was followed in the same year by the Durham Visitation of 1615 (of which only 50 copies were printed), and by the Visitation of Middlesex in 1663. Since then a goodly number of these records have been printed, the Harleian Society alone having issued sixteen volumes, which, with two exceptions, are, or purport to be, County Visitations. Surtees Society has issued Tonge's "Visitation of the Northern Counties in 1530," and Dugdale's valuable "Visitation of Yorkshire in 1665-6;" and the Chetham Society has placed in the hands of its subscribers four Visitations of Lancashire. In addition to these, we have the Visitations of Yorkshire in 1584

^{*} I may here note that in the Stukeley MS. the signatures attached to the several pedigrees do not in all cases agree with the original. For example, in the former MS. the Endesore pedigree is signed "Richard Endesore," and that of Wyrley "John Wyrley." Mr. Thorpe has noted all these variations, and the several signatures here printed are as in the original.

† The pedigrees thus supplied are Ashenhurst, p. 35; Aston, p. 37; Biddulph, p. 50; Giffard, p. 81; Hawkes, p. 97; Humett, p. 99; Noel ("ex chartis"), p. 119; Rudyerd, p. 126; and Somerford, p. 131.

and 1612, edited by Mr. Joseph Foster; those of Suffolk in 1561, 1577, and 1612, edited by Mr. Metcalfe; and several others.

It must, however, be admitted that some of these publications, though of considerable value as collections of county pedigrees, are not precisely what they claim to be. They are copied as a rule from some MS. in the Harleian Library, which, though purporting to be a Visitation of a certain county on such a date, often contains the result of two Visitations combined and amalgamated; and in some cases is so full of additions and continuations by "other hands" that (to use Wanley's words) "it is no easy matter to shew what belongs to the Visitation and what not." On the other hand some of these MSS, contain but a selection of the descents given in the original, and these but mere abstracts or outlines. example, the Harl. MS. 6104 is stated to contain Dugdale's Visitations of Staffordshire in 1663-4, and of Derbyshire in 1662-3; but a comparison of the MS., with the original Visitations remaining in the College of Arms, will reveal innumerable errors both of omission and commission. And yet the latter portion of this MS. has been recently published under the title of "The Visitation of Derbyshire, taken in 1662, and reviewed in 1663, by William Dugdale," which, with every respect for its learned editor, I humbly conceive to be an unfortunate mistake. Again, the "Visitation of Lancashire in 1664-5," published by the Chetham Society, contains towards the end much matter quite foreign to the Visitation. The pedigree of Trafford, for instance, ascends to Saxon times, whereas in Dugdale's original it goes back only to the grandfather of the then head of the family. This, as the editor of a recent publication of the Chetham Society points out, "cannot fail to be very misleading," since it gives the sanction of the great name of Dugdale to a composition in which he had no hand.

I ought perhaps to apologise for these critical remarks as being somewhat out of place; but I have made them, not for the purpose of unkindly criticising these valuable publications, but to draw attention to what I have already ventured to call an unfortunate mistake, and more especially to explain why, though there are numerous manuscripts in existence by the

aid of which many of the pedigrees contained in the following pages might be amplified and extended, I have, in professing to print Glover's Visitation, given nothing but that Visitation, and have carefully avoided all "continuations" and "enlargements," except in a few instances (and they are all noted) in which I have utilized the information supplied by the "Hatherton MS."

By this name I refer to a transcript in the William Salt Library (made by Mr. James Broughton) of a manuscript belonging to Lord Hatherton. This MS. purports to be a copy of Glover's Visitation, but, like most of the so-called copies, it contains much additional matter. It is identical—even in its errors—with John Withie's "Copie of the Visitation book of Staffordshire made in 1583" (Harl. MS. 1077), which is dated 1621. Mr. Broughton wrote an account of this volume in the "Gentleman's Magazine" for September 1829 (p. 212); and in the Preface to his transcript he suggests that his original "is in the handwriting of Sampson Erdeswick and his amanuensis Wyrley." But he gives no reasons for this opinion, and it is manifest from internal evidence that the MS. is of a more recent date than he supposes.

In addition to the pedigrees, the Queen's College and Stukeley MSS. contain numerous extracts from old deeds and charters, and tricks of seals illustrating the descents and arms of the families whose genealogies are recorded. These I have omitted, and personally I regret the omission. But it has been considered that these documents would be more fittingly introduced into the Staffordshire Chartulary commenced in the second volume of these Collections. I have also omitted some preliminary matter, such as extracts from "Domesday," the "Liber Rubeus," and sundry other documents which have been already printed either by the Record Commissioners or by Shaw, or have been made public in other ways. I should also add that I am alone responsible for the alphabetical arrangement of the pedigrees. They are not so arranged in my original, but, besides the obvious utility of such an arrangement for purposes of reference, there are several cogent reasons (with which I need not trouble the reader) which have influenced me. On pages xix and xx, however, will be found a

list of the pedigrees in the order in which they are given in the original.

An examination of the list of those summoned by Glover to appear before him and record their descents (pp. 3-11) will shew that 204 persons, or about 183 heads of families, were ordered to put in an appearance. Of these forty-seven were "Ignobiles,"* and were "disclaimed," together with some who in the list are styled "gentlemen." Some were "extra com." or "hors du pays," that is out of the jurisdiction of the visiting Herald, or absent and unable to appear. Making due allowance for all these, it follows that at least forty heads of families made default, or, as Glover would term it, "disobediently and contemptuously" refused to appear before him; and these defaulters bore such well-known names as Congreve. Wolseley, Sneyd, Fowke, Lane, Kynnersley, Draycott, Chetwynd, Stanley, Skeffington, Swynfen, etc., etc.;

With regard to this last-named family Edmund Lodge, Lancaster Herald (writing in 1797), remarks how strange it is that the Swynfens of Swynfen should have neglected to enter their pedigree in any of the Staffordshire Visitations; and tenfold more strange (he adds) that Dugdale, the son of Elizabeth Swynfen, should have nowhere given any further account of this his mother's family than the mere names of her father and grandfather.

The late Mr. J. G. Nichols, in noticing the Lancashire Visitations published by the Chetham Society, observes that though it is a decided testimony to the antiquity of a family that it should appear in a Visitation, yet its absence is not a positive proof to the contrary. There is (he continues) an amount of accident as to the admission or omission of families

[&]quot;Nobiles," says Coke, "sunt qui arma gentilicia anticessorum suorum proferre possunt." By the word ignobilis the Heralds simply meant "not entitled to bear arms," or, as it is sometimes expressed in English, "no gentleman."

+ When Sir W. Dugdale visited Yorkshire in 1665-6 nearly one-third of the whole number of gentry whom he called upon to appear before him with proofs of their arms and pedigrees treated his summonses who were contumed. In the Preface to the printed Visitation a list of the persons who were contumed visited in a list of the persons. the printed Visitation a list of the persons who were contumacious is given, and in this list may be recognised a few of the well-known ancient gentry of the county, besides many heads of families whose descendants at this day would have rejoiced had they then placed their pedigrees on record. There will also be found a long list of defaulters at the same Herald's Visitation of Lancashire, 1664-5, in the Introduction to the Chetham Society's printed copy.

in the Visitation books. Ormerod has remarked that the very ancient family of Hulton of Hulton is entered only in the first and last Visitations of Lancashire, and that of Gerard of Bryn in none.

Some men, no doubt, were too proud to have their ancient standing brought at all into question, or to allow that it required recognition. Others were altogether careless and indifferent, and their tastes were for very different objects. Others would be absent from home at the time of the Heralds' circuit; or, if summoned to attend them at a neighbouring town, were possibly prevented by illness, or indisposed by domestic sorrow and trouble.*

With regard to the degree of credit to be attached to Visitation pedigrees, the same writer remarks that the Visitations stand in the position of a witness at a trial, supposed to be the person best informed upon the subject of inquiry, but who may be mistaken from defect of memory or otheraccidental circumstances. Still, he adds, such evidence, collected by officers whose business it was to gather the truth, must at least be important, if not always authoritative, and of course all the more worthy of credit, so far as it is contemporaneous, or nearly so, with the facts related.+

The principal authority possessed by the Visitation books is undoubtedly the signature of the head of the family therein But it is notorious that subscribers frequently recorded. attached their names to most defective and imperfect genealogies—genealogies from which the maiden and even christian names of their own wives and mothers are frequently absent; and though it must be admitted that the visiting Herald was in a great measure dependent on the individual who furnished the information, yet surely he should be held responsible for these frequent omissions of names and facts which, it is obvious, the person who entered the pedigree could easily supply. One of many examples of this strange and unaccountable carelessness will be found in the descent of Arblaster in this Visitation. Thomas Arblaster, who signed this pedigree, must at least have known his mother's name; and his father,

+ Ibid., ii., p. 185.



^{· &}quot;Herald and Genealogist, vii., p. 47.

who was then living, could assuredly, if asked, have supplied further information. Of course this is by no means a solitary instance of such a state of things, but I am not aware that any satisfactory explanation of the astonishing ignorance apparently displayed by the subscribers of Visitation pedigrees -or the extreme carelessness of the Herald who recorded them—has yet been offered. The Heralds were enjoined by the Royal Commission under which all their Visitations were made, not only to "peruse and take knowledge" of "allmanner of Arms," etc., but also to take "notes of the descents, pedigrees, and marriages" of the "nobiles" in their provinces. Yet it seems to me that as a rule they paid far more attention to the former than the latter; and provided that a right to arms was satisfactorily established, they did not trouble themselves to ascertain, even by oral testimony, the names or parentage of females who, being neither heiresses nor coheiresses, were not in a position to transmit their armorial insignia to posterity.

In the College of Arms there are three copies (so called) of Glover's Visitation, which collectively contain a vast deal of additional and indeed extraneous matter. These are Dugdale's own copy, Vincent's, and a volume called E.D.N. 13.

The first-named manuscript is in Dugdale's own handwriting. I here copy its instructive titlepage: "A Copye of the Visitation of Staffordshire made by William Flower, Norroy King of Armes, in A° mdlxxxIII (the Originall having been long since purloyned* out of this Office): which Copye was taken from a Transcript thereof sometimes belonging to Edward Gwynn, late of Furnivall's Inne, in Com' Middl' (but now in the Library of William Pierpoint, of Thoresby, in Com' Nott' Esq'), by William Dugdale, Esq', Norroy King of Armes, and given unto this Society vjo Maij, mdclxvIII. In which transcript, though there be divers errors and mistakes; yet considering that the Originall is thus lost, it was thought better thus to preserve a Copye, wch possibly may in time be rectified, than to have nothing at all thereof." In addition to the Visitation with its "errors and mistakes," the volume

[•] It is rather singular that the original of Glover's Visitation of Yorkshire in 1584 is also stated to have been "purloined" from the College.

contains a series of other pedigrees which Dugdale says did not, in his opinion, form a part of the Visitation.

From the disappearance of the original until the year 1668, therefore, the Heralds did not even possess a copy of this Visitation. But on the death of Ralph Sheldon, of Beoley, co. Worcester, in 1684, the College acquired under his will the two other manuscripts above named, one of which (Vincent 133) was, in the absence of the original, allowed to be put in evidence in 1785 in a trial respecting the manor of Mere, as appears by a note inserted in the volume by Francis Townsend, Windsor Herald.

Other manuscripts in public and private collections purporting to be copies of this Visitation (most of which were carefully examined and abstracts of their contents taken by Mr. Thorpe) are:—

- 1. A copy in the library at Loxley Park, transcribed by Captain Fernyhough.
- 2. A copy in the Bodleian Library, Oxford: Gough's Staffordshire MSS., No. 1. This contains many additional pedigrees, one dated 1750 and another 1752, and the Arms of Sir T. Broughton dated 1768.
- 3. A second copy in Queen's College library, Oxford.
- 4. Harl. MS. 818. A book in folio, containing, inter alia, pedigrees from Glover's Visitation and from Erdeswick's Collections, written partly by Ralph Brooke and partly by others.
- 5. Harl. MS. 1077. A folio MS., "the far greater part of which was written and tricked A.D. 1621 by the hand of John Withie, the arms painter." It is a copy of Glover's Visitation, but has "many additions." This, as has been already stated, corresponds nearly page by page with Lord Hatherton's MS., excepting the additions of which Wanley (Harl. Catalogue) speaks, which are in another hand. There are also inserted pedigrees of a later date: inter alia, a pedigree of Mynors drawn up by John Tilston in 1678, a pedigree of Foljambe "seeming to be in the handwriting of Sir Henry St. George,"

- a pedigree of Nott of Cannock, and two pedigrees of Leveson. It is noted in the Catalogue that "Mr. Withie has transcribed the subscriptions of the gentlemen at the bottom of their descents into this book." It should be mentioned that the rotation of the pedigrees in this MS. is quite different to the Queen's College and Stukeley MSS.
- 6. Harl. MS. 1173. A transcript of Withie's book; "but it is to be noted that notwithstanding many gross faults in this copy through the ignorance and carelessness of the copyiste, it is of value because of many considerable additions made to it which are wanting in Mr. Withie's book; as Mr. Withie's also has many recent additions inserted in it since this transcript was made." (Wanley.)
- 7. Harl. MS. 1415. A folio volume, containing, besides the Staffordshire Visitation, that of Yorkshire taken by Glover in 1584-5. Wanley says he cannot be positive as to who wrote this MS., "because it is known that many officers of Arms wrote very like to one another." In this MS. the last name in the list of Staffordshire disclaimers is industriously blotted out; "the posterity or relations of him," writes Wanley, "being perhaps grown ashamed of that disclaiming." The name thus erased was "John Coleman of Canke."
- 8. Harl. MS. 1429. Contains a few arms and memoranda from Glover's Visitation; also a few descents from Dugdale's Visitation of 1663-4, inserted by John Saunders. It also contains a so-called Visitation of Hertfordshire, but this, says Wanley, is "a painter's title," for arms painters (he adds) "when they see a book of pedigrees relating to one county alone usually call them Visitations without further examination."
- 9. Harl. MS. 1570. "Written and tricked by divers hands; more espescially by Mr. Nicholas Charles and Mr. Richard Mundy." It contains "a very good copy" of Glover's Visitation, but with "very

many enlargements and continuations by Richard Mundy and others," and "some descents entered by Mr. Mundy which were either not at all registered at the Visitation of the County in 1583, or at least not in so ample a manner."

- 10. Harl. MS. 6128. A very valuable collection of pedigrees of Staffordshire families, which has been largely used by genealogists and almost invariably quoted as "The Visitation of 1583"—which it certainly is not. Its date is circa 1620.
- 11. A copy referred to by Shaw (vol. 2, Introd., p. xxx) as being then in the possession of Mr. Sharpe "the ingenious antiquary of Coventry." He describes it as "a most curious copy of Glover's Visitation of 1583, transcribed by William Smith, Rouge Dragon, 1597, and illustrated with various additions by Erdeswick, Rowland Frith [of Thornes, Shenstone] the Herald, and others; also a coloured map of the county, and a later Visitation at the end."

In conclusion I desire to call special attention to Mr. Parker's able article on the Wastineys family, and to express a hope that it may be regarded as a precedent for similar papers in illustration and correction of this Visitation.

H. SYDNEY GRAZEBROOK.

December, 1882.

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Visitation of Staffordshire,

A.D. 1583.

WHAT IS TO BE PERFORMED BY THE HERALDS AT THEIR GOING IN VISITATION.

THE names of the Hundreds in such a sheere as they will visitt being collected out of the Sheryve's bookes, or the Undersheryve's, with all the surnames and cristen names of all such as are called or wrytten Knights, Esquyers, and Gentlemen in the sheer, that beying taken and gathered then wrytten in a booke, all those names so receaved every C by itselfe, which doth serve them to marke the apearance of all such as doe apeare (being warned by the Baylye of the sayde C by vertue of a precept delyvered by the Herauld to him) in this maner:

- J. M. Knight,
- W. T. Esquier,
- T. B. Gentlⁿ, apparuit,
- A. S. Gentlⁿ, Ignobilis,
- F. J. Gentla, apparuit, entred,
- J. H. Gentlⁿ, Nothus,

they doe ryde to every Knight's house and take notice there, as also to such esquyers as will have them come. The residewe are warned by the Bayley to appeare at the cheifest towne in the Hundred at a daye certaine, where the sayde Herauld doth resorte to take notyce.

Somerset's warrant, directed to the bailiff of the Hundred of Cudleston, to summon the Esquires and Gentlemen inhabiting within the said Hundred to appear before him in order to the enregistering of their several arms and descents.

To John Berwike, baylif of the Hundred of Cudleston in the countye of Stafforde, his Deputie or Deputies.

These are to require you, and in the Queene's Majestie's name to charge and commande you, that forthwth upon the sight hereof you warne these Esque and Genta whose names are hereunder written p'sonally to apeare before mee Somersett, Marshall and Deputy to Norrey Kinge of Armes, at Stafford on beinge the daye of at nyne of the clocke before Noone the same day, whereat I doe intende to sytte for the better registeringe of all the Gent. w'thin the sayde Hundred; and that they bringe wth them such Armes and Creasts as they nowe use and beare, wth their Pedigrees or Descentes, and such of theire evidence or matter of recorde and credite as may (if neede so require) justifie the same: to the intent that I, knowinge howe they use and chalenge the names of Esqr and Gentleman, and beare their Armes, may accordingly make entrance therof and recorde the same; or else to proceede as the Vertue of my comissyon bindeth me in that behaulf.

Alsoe will such of them as have receaved either Armes, Creasts, or Pedigrees of one Will'm Dakins,* the late lewde

It would appear that this "lewde usurper" of Norroy's functions was a member of the family formerly seated at Stubbing Edge, in Derbyshire. For Mr. Glover, in his "History of Derbyshire," mentions a tablet in Ashover Church in memory of sundry Dakeynes of Stubbing, and among those commemorated is "Gulielmus Dakeyne, Norroy." Dallaway ("Heraldic Inquiries," p. 318) has printed a copy of a Warrant issued in 1597 by the then Earl Marshal directing the apprehension of this man. He is described as "a notable dealer in Armes, and maker of false pedigrees," for which fault (it is added) "about xx years past he lost one of his ears, and about a year past he was apprehended for the like and imprisoned." It appears that Dakyns had compiled spurious pedigrees for nearly one hundred families, and that his son Christopher Dakyns, and one Edward Waterhouse—the latter "falsely calling himself servant to Clarenceux"—had carried on a like nefarious trade.

usurper of the office of Norrey Kinge of Armes, to bringe them in to be cancelled, if they be untrue, and, beinge founde justifiable, to receave the same at my handes wth warrandize, as I am espetyally comanded by her Ma^{tie} and the Lordes of her Hignes' most honorable Privie Councell.

And these that may not comodiously bringe wth them such theire evidences, auncient writinges, and monuments (sic) as would serve to prove the antiquitie of theire race and familye, but shalbe desirous to have me home to theire houses; upon the signification of such theire desires, for the furtherance of Her Mattes service, I will make my repaire unto them soe soone as conveniently I maye. Herof charge them not to fayle as they will avoyde the perill that may ensue of any theire contemptes herin.

Geven at Stafford under the Seale of the office of Norrey, the day of July, and 1583, in the xxvth yeare of the raigne of our most gratious Soveraigne Ladye Queen Elizabeth.

Nomina* Nobilium de Com' Stafford, 1583.

[Being a list of those summoned by warrant to appear before Glover, Somerset, and record their descents and arms.]

HUNDREDUM DE CUDLESTON.

- Ap. Joh'es Asteley, vel Aspley, de Woodeaton. Ignobilis. †Ricardus Brooke, de Lapley, ar.
- Entd. Ap. ‡Edwardus Cholmeley, de Copenhall, gen.
 - Ap. Edwardus Clarke, al's Grenway, de Shredicott. Ignobilis.
- To a large proportion of the names in this list a trick of the family arms is attached. I only note those which are not elsewhere recorded in this Visitation. What authority attaches to these coats I am unable to say, but probably they are mere memoranda made by the transcriber. I should mention that I am responsible for the alphabetical arrangement here adopted.
 - † Checky, argent and sable, on a chief or, a brock (or badger) proper.
- ‡ The arms here given are three garbs, 2 and 1, between the two upper garbs a crescent; but see the Pedigree.



THE VISITATION OF STAFFORDSHIRE, A.D. 1583.

Johannes Coleman, de Canke, gen. *Franciscus Congreve, de Stretton, gen. Matheus Cradock, de Villa de Stafford, gen. Thomas Cresswell, de Liddall, gen. Ric'us Dickenson, de Bradley. Ignobilis. Philippus Draycott, de Littlewood, gen. Joh'es Egginton, de Roberson, gen. Joh'es Fowke, de Guns'on, gen. †Rogerus Fowke, de Brewood, gen. Will'mus Fynney, de Canke. Ignobilis. Joh'es Giffard, de Chillington, ar. Humfridus Giffard, de , tertius filius, gen. †Thomas Lane, de Hyde et de Bentley, ar., Justic'. &Edwardus Littleton, de Pilletonhall, ar., Justic'. Ricardus Milles, de Bedam, gen. Joh'es Mitton al's Harpesfeild, de Weston under Lizard. ar.

Adamus Moreton, de Wilbrighton, ar.

Ap. Edwardus Moreton, de Ingleton, gen.

Ap. Franciscus Picto, de Churcheaton. Ignobilis.

Ap. Thomas Skrimshire, de Forton, ar., fra' senior.

Jacobus Skrimshire, de Norbury, ar.,

fra' junior.

Galfridus Somerford, de Somerford, gen.

Entd.

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Edwardus, D'ns Stafford.

Ric'us Weston, de Rudgeley, gen.

Ap. Humfridus Whitgreve, de Burton, ar. Erasmus Wolseley, de Wolseley, ar.

HUNDREDUM DE OFFELOWE.

Georgius Abell, de Neuburgh, Senescallus com' Salop.

- · Sable, a chevron between three battle axes argent.
- + Vert, a fleur-de-lis argent.
- ‡ a chevron between three mullets Added by Mr. Booth, "This coat is mistaken, it should be parted p' fesse or and B., a . G. bet. 3 mullets counterchanged of the feild."
- Argent, a bend cottised sable within a border engrailed gules bezantée,—the coat of Westcote.

Entd. Radulphus Adderley, de Cotonhall, ar., Justic'. Georgius Agard, de Barton.
Humfridus Agard, de Newburgh.
Will'us Agard, de Tunstall, gen.

Entd. Ap. Thomas Arblaster, de Longdon, gen. *Symon Arden, de Yoxall, gen.

Entd. Ap. Nicholaus Bagshawe, de Farwell, gen.
Edwardus Bassett, de Hintes, gen.
†Joh'es Bowes, de Elford, ar., Justic'. Recusavit.
‡Joh'es Brittayne, de Sirescott et Tamworth, ar.

Ap. Rob'tus Brookes, de Haselore, gen.

Ap. Edwardus Broughton, de Longdon, gen.
Thomas Carden, del Hermitage.
§ Will'us Comberford, de Comberford, gen.
Ricardus Endesore, de Pagetts Bromley, gen.

Entd. Thomas Ensore, de Cumberford, gen.

Entd. Humfridus Everard, de Whittington, gen. Rowlandus Eyre, de Hermitage, gen.

Entd. Thomas Fitzherbert, de Hampstall Rydware, Miles.
Thomas Fowke, de Aston, gen.
Thomas Frythe, de Thornes. Ignobilis.
Henricus Grove, de Handesworth. Ignobilis.

Ap. Joh'es Harmon, de Morehall,—a patent granted by Garter and Clarencieulx.

Ap. Ric'us Hawkes, de Rushall, gen.

Entd. Hugo Hill, de Pipe, gen.

||Edmundus James, de com. Wigorn., ar., Justic'.

Hors du pays.

Entd. ¶Edwardus Leghe, de Rushall, ar.

**Will'us Madder, de Tonge, et de Harleston, ar.,
Justic'.

Ermine, a fesse counter-componée or and azure.

† Ermine, three bows strung in fesse gules, a crescent for difference. See "Doubtful Arms," post.

‡ See " Doubtful Arms."

§ Gules, on a cross engrailed or four roses of the field.

|| See " Doubtful Arms."

¶ Gules, on a cross engrailed between four unicorn's heads erased as many roundles.

Azure, on a fesse wavy ermine three lions rampant gules.

Humfridus Minors, de Barton, gen. Frauncis Mountford, de Walsall, ar. Jacobus Noell, de Pelsall, gen. Joh'es Parshouse, de Walsall. *Ignobilis*. Will'us Rolston, de Rolston, gen. Thomas Ridgley, de Hawkesyard, ar.

- Entd. Ap. Will'us Ruggeley, de Smalwood, gen.
 *Thomas Salt, de Yoxall, gen.
 †Joh'es Skevington, de Fisherwick, ar.
- Ap. Edwardus Sprott, de Ashmerebroke. Ignobilis.
- Entd. Robertus Stamford, de Pyrybarre, ar., Justic'.
- Entd. Ap. Will'us Staunford, de Pakinton et de Rowley, gen. Walterus Stanley, de Westbromwiche, ar.
- Entd. Ap. Philippus Strettey, de Streetey, gen. ‡Ric'us Swynfeild, de Swinfeild, gen.
 - Ap. Humfridus Thickbrome, de Thickbrome. Ignobilis.
- Entd. Ap. Rob'tus Welles, de Horecrosse, ar. §Thomas Whittington, de Newborowe, gen.
- Entd. Thomas Wirley, de Handesworth, ar., Justic'. ||Humfridus Wolverston, de Stotfeld, gen.

HUNDREDUM DE TOTMONSLOW.

- Ap. Joh'es Ashenhurst, de Ashenhurst. Ignobilis.

 Ap. Johannes Basford, de Hillsdale. Ignobilis.
- Entd. Will'us Bassett, de Blore, ar., Justic'.
- * Argent, a chevron couped between three mullets sable. With these arms Thomas Salt quartered—(1) Stockley, of Yoxall, Argent, a chevron between three boars statant gules, and (2) Hewet, of Walsall, Sable, a chevron engrailed between three owls or. Thomas Salt married Anne, daughter and coheir of Thomas Strongman, of Raley (Rayleigh?), Essex, and had issue—Richard, Thomas, Robert, and Elizabeth (Harl. MS. 886, Vis. Essex, 1558, etc.). He was son of Richard Salt, and grandson of Robert Salt, of Yoxall, by, daughter of Sprott, of Ashmorebrook. His mother, Elizabeth, was daughter and coheir of Thomas Stockley, of Yoxall, son of Ralph, and grandson of William Stockley, by Margaret, his wife, daughter and coheir of John Hewet, of Walsall. See Leigh Pedigree.
- † Argent, three bull's heads, erased sable, a mullet for difference. See "Doubtful Arms."

 1 This is no doubt intended for Swynfen.
- 4 Argent, a bugle horn strung between three escallops sable. This is the coat of Tamhorne which Whittington was entitled to quarter. The coat borne by the family was Argent, three mullets axure. See Shaw, i., 75 and 98.
 - || See " Doubtful Arms."

Barth'us Colcloughe, de Delphurst. *Ignobilis*. Richard Crompton, de Checkley, ar., Justic'.

Entd. Joh'es Cuny, de Weston Cuny, ar.

*Joh'es Draycott, de Paynsley, ar.

Anthonius Eyton, de Mathfeld. Ignobilis.

Joh'es Ferne, de Crakemarche. Ignobilis.

Ap. Henricus Flacket, de Cambridge. Ignobilis. †Joh'es Fleetwood, de Calewiche, ar. Ric'us Flyar, de Utoxetur. Ignobilis.

Entd. Godfridus Foljambe, de Croxsden, ar. Nothus.

Ap. Johannes Henshaw, de Lockwood. Ignobilis. Joh'es Higginbotham, de Rushton. Ignobilis.

Ap. Hugh Hollyns, de Moseley. Ignobilis.

Ap. Thomas Homersley, de Shaw. Ignobilis.
 ‡Anthonius Kinnersley, de Locksley, gen.
 Thomas Madeley, de Denston. Ignobilis.
 §Sampson Meverell, de Throwley, ar.
 Franciscus Mynoures, de Woodland, gen.

Entd. ||Rad's Minours, de Utoxetur, gen.

Ap. Will'us Mountford, de Banke, yeoman. Ignobilis. Philippus Okeover, de Okeover, ar., Justic'.

Ap. Thomas Parker, de Careswall. Ignobilis. Joh'es Port, de Ilam. Ignobilis.

Ap. Thomas Pyott, de Chedull. Ignobilis.

Thomas Rudyard, de Rudyard, ar., Justic', al's

Tetesworth.

Ap. Edwardus Thornebury, de Thornebury. Ignobilis.

Ap. Thomas Tirrell, de Rushton, gen. Nothus.

Entd. Thomas Trentham, de Rocester, ar., Justic', Custos Rotulor'.

Georgius Warner, de Dyllon, Coronator. *Ignobilis*. ¶Joh'es Wedgwood, de Harekells, gen., per R. C., Clar', dat. 1576, 19 Eliz. reg.

. . . . three piles, over all a bend ermine.

† Per pale nebulée or and azure, six martlets, 2, 2, and 2, counterchanged.

1 Argent, a fease vaire or and gules between three eagles displayed of the last.

§ a griffin segreant || See "Doubtful Arms."

¶ Gules, three mullets, 1, 2, and 1, or, a canton argent. Crest: On a ducal coronet, a lion statant argent.

Joh'es Whitehurst, de Whithurst. Ignobilis. Joh'es Woodward, de Madersfeild. Ignobilis.

HUNDREDUM DE PIREHILL.

Walterus Aston, de Ticksall, Miles, Justic'. Recusavit. Edwardus Aston, ar., fil. et hæres Walteri Aston, Militis, Justic'.

Robertus Badger, de Whatington. Ignobilis.

Entd. Ricardus Bagott, de Blythfeild, ar., Justic'. Edwardus Barbour de Flashbrooke. Ignobilis.

Ap. Georgius Bartram, de Barlaston, gen. Respited to London.

*Sampson Beresford, de Enston, gen. Ad Com. Mariscall.

Joh'es Bedulphe, de Oldparke. Ignobilis.

Franciscus Bidolphe, de Bydolphe, ar.

Will'us Bowier, de Hethhouse Grange, et de Brodheath, gen.

Entd. Ap. Will'us Bowyer, de Knypersley, ar.

Ap. Thomas Bowyer, de Madeley, gen., fr. illius de Knipersley.

†Ed'us Braddock, de Adbaston, ar. Ad Com. Senescallus.

‡Edwardus Brett, de Kele, ar.

Ap. Ranulphus Brette, de Stoke, gen., filius Edwardi.

Ap. Thomas Bratte, de Oswinton, gen., s'd's filius. Henricus Brocke, de Hanley. Ignobilis.

Entd. Ap. Thomas Broughton, de Broughton, gen.

Ap. Johannes Broughton, de Whatington. Ignobilis.
Thomas Bucknall, de Ubbeley. Ignobilis.

§Joh'es Chetwynd, de Ingestre, ar., Justic'.
Robertus Collier, de Darlaston, ar.

"Thomas Corbett. de Hanford, gen. Sum'us Con

||Thomas Corbett, de Hanford, gen. Sum'us Constabularius.

Argent, three bears rampant sable, muzzled or.

[†] See " Doubtful Arms." ‡ Ib.

[§] Two shields: 1. On a cross engrailed four mullets. 2. Azure, a chevron between three mullets or. || Argent, three ravens, 2 and 1, proper.

Humfridus Cotton, de Bothehall, ar. Will'us Crompton, de Stone. Ignobilis.

Ap. Samson Dorrington, de Cotton. Ignobilis.

Entd. *Rad'us Egerton, de Wrynehill, Miles, Justic'.

Entd. †Rad'us Eggerton, de Betley, ar.

Entd. Ap. ‡Sampson Erdeswick, de Sandon, gen. §Robertus Comes Essex.

Ap. Hugo Fowden, de Fulford, summus Constabularius. Ignobilis.

Brianus Fowler, de St Thomas, juxta Stafford, ar.

Ap. Rob'tus Gamble, de Hardwyke. Ignobilis. ||Franciscus Gattacre, de Swynnerton, ar. Hors du

pays.
Johannes Gaywood, de [Padmore?]. Ignobilis.

Nicholas Gaywood, de Bishops Offeley, gen.

Joh'es Gervys, de Chatkill, gen., Coronator. Ignobilis.

Entd. Thomas Greseley, de Colton, ar., Justic'.

Entd. Walterus Harecourt, de Ellenhall, ar.
Joh'es Harecourt, de Ranton, gen. Nothus.

Ap. ¶Walterus Heveningham, de Aston, ar. Respited to London.

Entd. Ap. Will'us Macksfeild, de Meare, gen.

Entd. Edwardus Mainwayringe, of Whitmore, ar. **Joh'es Nedham, de Wallinge, gen.

Entd. Ap. ††Philippus Noell, de Hilcott, gen.

† The same, a crescent for difference.

5 Argent, a fesse gules, in chief three torteaux.

¶ Quarterly or and gules, within a border engrailed sable charged with roundles (sic, but should be escallops argent), a crescent for difference.

^{*} Gules, a fesse ermine between three pheons argent.

[‡] Or, on a bend saure three eagles displayed argent. This is a strange mistake. Both Hugh and Sampson Erdeswick really bore Argent, on a chevron gules five bezants.

^{||} Quarterly argent and ermine, on the second and third quarters two piles gules, over all a feece azure charged with three bezants. (Sic, but the trick does not appear to be quite accurate.)

^{**} Argent, a bend engrailed soure between two buck's heads cabossed sable.

^{††} Or, fretty gules, a canton argent.

Ap. Joh'es Orchard, de Garsall, yeoman. Ignobilis.
Will'us Overton, Coventriæ et Lechfeild Ep'us.
Thomas Pettit, de Hexstall et de Broadheath, gen.
Henricus Pettit, de Bromley Pagetts, gen.
*Thomas Peyshall, de Horseley, ar. Hors du pays.
Rob'tus Peyshall, de Horseley, gen., frater junior.

Entd. †Petrus Roos, de Swineshed, ar. Extra Com.

Ap. Thomas Rowley, de Heyckley. Ignobilis.

Ap. Thomas Skrimshere, de Johnson, gen. Rad'us Smyth, de Newcastle under Lyme, gen., al's Torbocke.

‡Rad's Sneyde, de Bradwall, ar., Justic'.
Georgius Sneyde, de Madeley, gen., frater.
§Edwardus Swynnerton, de Ecclesall, gen.
Hugo Swinnerton, de Ecclesall, filius.

Hors du
pays.

Entd. Ap. Rad's Thicknes, de Balterley, gen.

Ap. Will'us Unwyn, de Chatterley, gen. Respited to London.

Thomas Unwyn, de Clough, gen.

Ap. Will'us Vyse, de Staundon, gen. Respited to London.

Sampson Walkden, de Walton, gen.

Ap. Sampson Walker, de Weston. Ignobilis.

Thomas Whitgreve, de Bridgford, gen. Ad Com. Mariscallum.

Thomas Whitmore, de Madeley. Ignobilis.

||Erasmus Wolsey, de Wolsey, in Hundredo de Cuddleston, ar.

Joh'es Woolriche, de Oncott. Ignobilis.

Will'us Yardley, de Audley, gen. Respited to Sr Ralph Edgerton's.

Joh'es Yonge, de Charnes. Ignobilis.

^{*} Argent, a cross formée flory sable, on a canton gules a wolf's head erased of the first.

[†] See "Doubtful Arms."

[‡] A scythe in bend sinister between the blade and the handle, (or "snead,") a fleur-de-lis.

⁵ See " Doubtful Arms."

^{||} Argent, a talbot passant gules.

HUNDREDUM DE SEYSDON.

*Gilbertus Astley, de Patteshill, ar. Rad's Broke, de Bobington, gen. Joh'es Creswall, de Wolv'hampton, gen.

Entd. Ap. Will'us Dickens, de Bobington, gen. Jacobus Fowler, de Penford, gen.

Ap. Will'us Foxall, de Bilson, yeoman.
†Joh'es Grey, de Envill, ar., Vicecomes, Justic'.
Walterus Grosvenor, de Bushbury, ar.
Philippus Hall, de gen., su'mus Constabularius. Ignobilis.
Will'us How, de Bradley. Ignobilis.

Ap. Thomas Leveson, de Wolv'hampton, ar. Rob'tus Moseley, de Bilston, gen.

Entd. Ap. Henricus Plantney, de Wolverhampton, gen.
Thomas Rickthorne, de Bobington, gen.
†Thomas Waring, de la Lea, juxta Wolv'hampton, Justic'.

Thomas Whorwood, de Compton, ar.

Entd. Ap. Will'us Whorwood, de Bobington, gen. Walterus Wrottesley, de Wrottesley.

THE FORM OF THE WARRANT OF SUMMONS AGAINST SUCH AS
CONTEMPTUOUSLY REFUSE TO APPEAR UPON
THE FORMER WARRANT, TO MAKE THEIR
FURTHER APPEARANCE BEFORE THE
EARL MARSHALL.

To Mr. A. B., of . . . , Esquier.

Forasmuch as you have refused to make your apearance before mee, Somersett, Marshall to Norroy Kinge of Armes, at Chedle, whereat I lately sate in comission for the registringe of the Gentlemen w'thin the Hundred of Totmonslowe accordinge to such warninge as was given you by the Baylife

[·] Boo " Doubtful Arms."

[†] John Grey was Sheriff 24 Eliz. (Shaw.)

[!] Sable, three bird's heads erused argent.

of the same Hundred in that behaulf, I am of dutye to proceed wth you as my Comissyon byndeth mee in such cases of contempte. These are, therefore, to require you, and in the Queene's Maties name to charge and comaunde you to apeare personally before the Right Honorable George Earle of Shrewsbury, Earle Marshall of Ingland, on the 12th day of October nexte ensuinge the date hereof, there to answere unto and yelde the reason of this youre disobedyence and contempte; before whome (as by an espetyall clause and braunche of my sayde Comissyon it is ordered) the same is to be hearde and determined. And herof fayle you not, as you will avoyde the further perill that may enseue.

Gyven at under the seale of the office of Norrey, the day of August, An° D'ni 1583, in the 25th yeare of the raigne of our most gratious Soveraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth.

THE MANNER OF THE HERALDS' PROCLAMATION FOR THE DISCLAIMING OF IGNOBLE PERSONS.

The Queene's most excellent matic beinge very desirous that the Nobillitye and Gentry of this her realme should be preserved in every degree as apertayneth as well in honor as in worshippe; and that every person and persons, bodyes pollitique, corporate, and others, should be knowne in their estates and misteryes without confusyon and disorder. And having therfore authorised me, Somersette Heralde, as Marshall and Deputy to Norroy Kinge of Arms of the North parties of this Realme of Englande, not onely to visite all the sayde province to peruse and take knowledge, survey, and vewe of all manner of Armes, Cognisances, Creasts, and other like devises, wth the notes of the descentes, pedegres, and marriadges of all the Nobillitie and Gentry therin throughout conteyned, but alsoe to reprove, controll, and make infamous by Proclamatyon all such as unlawfully, and whout just authoritye, vocatyon, or due callinge, doe or have done, or shall usurpe, or take upon him or them any name or tytle of honor or dignitye, as Esq, or Gentleman, or other, as by her Highnes' gratious l'res patentes and comission under the greate seale of England, more plainly doth apeare: Know ye that I, the sayd Somersett, for the accomplishment of her Maties desire, and furtherance of her Highnesse service that wave, at this present makinge my survey wthin the Hundred of Pirehill, in the county of Stafforde, have founde these persons, whose names are hereunder written, preasumptuously, wthout any ground or authoritie, to have usurped the name and tytle of Gent, contrary to all righte and to the most auncient custome of this lande, and to the usage of the lawe of Armes: weh name and tytle they are by me admonished noe more from henceforth to use or take upon them, upon such further paine and perill as by the Earle Marshall of Englande is to be inflicted or layde upon them. And for that purpose the Sherife, and Clarkes of the Assises, and of the Peace, of this Countie are by me to be admonished to forbeare herafter to write or call them by that name and tytle; wherof alsoe, as my comission byndeth mee, I thought good hereby to advertise all other her Mattee good and lovinge subjects of this Hundred, that as they tender her Highnes' pleasure and desire in this behalf, they from henceforth shunne and avoyde the like, and forbeare to use in any writinge or otherwise, the addityon of an Esq" or Gentleman unlesse they be able to stand unto and justifie the same by the lawe of Armes, and the lawe of the Realme.

Geven at Newcastle under Lyme under the seale of the office of Norroy, the day of Auguste, Ano 1583.

THE NAMES OF THOSE THAT IN THE TIME OF THIS VISITACON OF STAFFORDSHEIRE HAVE MADE NOE PROOFE OF THEIRE GENTRY, BEARINGE NOE ARMES, AND YET, BEFORE TYME, HAD CALLED AND WRITTEN THEMSELVES GENTLEMEN, AND WERE THERFORE DISCLAYMED IN THE CHEIFE PLACES OF THE HUNDREDS WHERIN THEY DWELL.

VIZT,
PIREHILL,

Disclaimed at Newcastle under Lyme, and at Stone, the 5th and 6th dayes of August, for the Hundred of Pirehill in Com. Staff. these followinge, viz.:—

John Orcharde, of Garsall. Thomas Rowley, of Heykley. Robte. Gamble, of Hardewyke. John Yonge, of Charnes. Robte. Badger, of Whatington. Thomas Pettit, of Hexstall. Thomas Bucknall, of Ubbelley. Henry Pettyt, of Bromley Pagetts. Edw. Barbour, of Flotesbrooke. John Gaywoode, of Padmore. Hugh Fowden, of Fulford. Sampson Walker, of Weston. John Broughton, of Whatington. John Bedle, of Olde Parke. John Gervis, of Chatkill. John Woolriche, of Oncott. Thomas Whitemore, of Madeley. Henry Brocke, of Hanley. Nicholas Gaywood, of Bishoppes Offley.

Totmonslowe,

Disclaymed at Utoxetur the viijth day of August for the Hundred of Totmonslowe, in the countie of Stafforde, these followinge, viz^t:—

Richard Flyar, of Utoxetur. Thomas Madeley, of Denston.

John Porte, of Ilam. Henry Flackette, of Cambridge. John Woodward, of Maderfeilde. Thomas Parker, of Creswall. John Higginbotham, of Rushton. Bartholomew Colclugh, of Delphurst. Thomas Pyot, of Chedle. Edward Thornbury, of Thornebury. John Henshawe, of Lockwood. John Basford, of Hilsdale. Anthony Eyton, of Mathfeild. Tho. Homersley, of Shawe. Will'm Momford, of Banke. John Ashenhurst, of Ashenhurst. John Whitehurste, of Whithurst. Hugh Hollyns, of Moseley. John Ferne, of Crakemarshe. Willyam Crompton, of Stone.

OFFELOWE.

These followinge of the Hundred of Offelowe, in the countye of Stafford, were disclaymed at Leichfeilde on Wensday the xiiijth day of August 1583, viz.:—

Henry Grove, of Handesworth.
Thomas Frithe, of Thornes.
John Parshouse, of Walsall.
Edward Sprott, of Ashmerebroke.
Humfrey Thickbrome, of Thickbrome.

SEYSDON.

These followinge of the hundred of Seisdon were disclaimed at Wolv'hampton on fryday the xvith day of Auguste, 1583:—

Phillippe Hall, of Will'm Foxall, of Bilston. Will'm Howe, of Bradley. James Barnesley, of Trisley. *Humfry Whitwike, of Whitwike.

CUDDLESTON.

These followinge of the hundred of Cudleston in the county of Stafford were disclaymed at Stafford on the 21st day of August 1583, viz.:—

John Astley, of Woodeaton. Edward Clerke, of Shredicotte. Richard Dickenson, of Bradley. Frauncis Picto, of Churcheaton. Will'm Fynny, of Canke. John Egginton, of Roberson.

• Opposite this name in Harl. MS. 1429, is written, "This Gent. aproved himselfe to be of good antiquity and of a good and auncient family." As the name of Humphrey Wightwick does not appear in the list of those summoned, Glover would seem to have gone out of his way to brand him as "Ignobilis." The Heralds sometimes made mistakes of this kind. At the Visitation of Derbyshire in 1611, Stephen Langsdon of Langsdon in that shire was disclaimed, but he was subsequently admitted to be a gentleman and to have a right to arms. The following certificate by St. George, Norroy (extracted from Harl. MS. 1470), so curiously illustrates this subject that I make no apology for introducing it here:-"The king's most excellent Ma'ie being desirous that ye Gentry of his kingdom might be preserved in every degree, estate, etc., and to that end hath given full power and authority under the Greate Seale of England unto mee, Richard St George, Norroy King of Armes, not only to summon all the Gentlemen w'th in my Province, but also to distinguish and make infamous by Proclamation all such as shall usurpe or take upon them the name of Esquire or Gentleman without just authority. And whereas Stephen Longsdon, of Longsdon, in co. Derby, appeared before me in my Visitacon and disclaimed the title of a gentleman under his hand, as not knowing how he might justifie the same, I proceeded against him according to my Com'ission. Since weh tyme, he, making further inquiry, and finding that his Auncestors have been of long time reputed Gentlemen and borne Armes, wch (as I am informed by some of good sort in the Contrey) he is able to prove by evidence and other good record, he hath desired me to affirme his right and publish the same. Wherefore these are to make knowne unto all manner of p'sons whatsoever that the said Stephen Langsdon may lawfully use and bear such Armes and Creats as his Auncestors have done before him, and as he may lawfully justifie: And also that it shal be lawfull for him to beare the name, title, and dignity of a Gentleman in such manner and forme as any of his predecessors have done, or as he may lawfully justifie. In witness whereof I the said Norroy King of Armes have sett to my hand and seale of my office. Dated the xxth day of November in the ixth yeare of o'r Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of God King of Great Brittaign, France, and Ireland. Rich: St George, Norroy King of Armes,"

Richard Milles, of Betham. John Coleman, of Canke.

The names being wrytten on a sheet of papere with fayer great letters, was caryed by the Baylyfe of the hundred and one of the Herauld's men to the cheife towne of that hundred, where in the cheife place therof, the Herauld's man redd the names (after crye made by the Baylye and the people gathered) and then pronounced openly by the sayd Baylye every man's name severally conteyned in the sayd bill. That done the Baylie set the sayd byll of names on a poste, faste with waxe, whear it may stand drye, so it bee, as aforesayd, in the chieffest place of the sayd towne.

STAFFORDSCHIRE.

Secunda Solucio Subsidij anno regni D'næ Elizabethæ Reginæ nunc xviij° a laicis concess'.

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	HUNDREDU' DE PYREHILL.	li.	s. d.	Lences.	Light Horsemen.
Aston et Burston.	Dorothea Heveningham, in terr'	XX		j	j
Bedull, Bucknall, et Fenton.	Franciscus Byddolph, ar., in terr'	XX		j	j
Blithefeld.	Ric'us Bagot, ar., in terris	XX		j	j
Chebsey.	Erasmus Wolseley, in terris	xiij	vj viij		ij
Colton.	D'na Catherina Greys- ley, in terr'	x			ij
Eccleshall Home.	Franciscus Rosse, ar., in terris	III		j	j
	Thomas Persall, in terris	XX		j	j
	Edward Barbour, in terris	x		•	j ij ij
	Thomas Skrimsher, in terris	x			ij
Hopton et Cotton.	Brian Fowler, ar., in terris	xxvj	xiij viij	j	j
Kebuston.	Thomas Busby, in bonis	XX	- •	•	ij
Keele.	Edward Brette, in terris	x			ij
Meare, Aston.	Rad's Maxfeild, in terris	x			j ij ij ij

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Pencle cu' Mem- bris.	Rad's Bagnall, miles, in terris	xl		j	ij
	Anthonius Colclugh, in terris	x			ij
Sondon.	Hugo Erdeswike, in terris	XX		j	j
Tonstall Courte.	Rad's Sneyde, ar., in terris	xv		•	ij
	D'na Sneyde, in terris	xv			ij ij iiij
Tyxall.	Walterus Aston, miles	c		ij	iiij
Trentham.	D'na Leveson, in terris	X		•	ij
	Thomas Fytton, ar., in terris	x			ij ij
Whitmore et Han- churche.	Edward Maynwaring, in terris	x			ij
	Hundredu' de Seysdon.				
Wolv'hampton.	Thomas Leveson, ar., in terris	xiij	vj v ii	ij	ij
	Henricus Panckeney, in bonis	xiij	vj v ii	j	ij
Patsell.	Gilbert Astley, ar., in terris	XX		j	j
Wrottesley.	Johannes Wrottesley, ar., in terris	X		j	j
Enveild.	Johannes Grey, ar., in terris	cxviij		j	j
Bobington.	Rad's Broke, in terris	x			ij
Kynvare.	Thomas Whorwood, ar., in terris	xx		j	j
I	HUNDREDUM DE CUDDLESTO	n.			
Brewood.	D'na Ursula Giffard, in terris	xv			ij
	Johannes Giffard, ar., in terris	XX		j	j
	Thomas Lane, ar., in terris	xv			ij
	Galfridus Somerford, in terris	x			ij
Hilton.	Vidua Vernon, in terris	x			ij

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		li.	s. d.	Lances.	Light Horsemen.
Meere et Forton.	Thomas Skrymsher, ar., in terris	x			ij
Norbury.	Jacobus Skrymsher, ar., in terris	x			ij
Stretton.	Franciscus Congreve, ar., in terris	x			ij
Weston subtus Liziat.	Johannes Mytton, ar., in terris	xiiij			ij
H	UNDREDUM DE TOTMANSLOV	7E.			
Loxley.	Thomas Kynnersley, ar., in terris	x			ij
Ham'.	Philippus Okover, ar., in terris	xiij	vj viij		ij
Mathfeld.	Sampson Meverell, ar., in terris	xx		j	j
Rocett'.	Thomas Trentham, ar., in terris	XX		j	j
Ellaston.	Johannes Fletwood, ar., in terris	xx		j	j
Gryndon.	Will'm's Bassett, ar., in terris	XXX		j	j
Draycott.	Johannes Draycott, ar., in terris	XXX		j	j
	Burgus de Stafford, nihil.				
	Civitas Lichefeld, nihil.				
1	Hundredum de Offelowe.				
Dunstable, Taten- hill, et Coling- wood.	Roulandus Rougley, in terris	XX		j	j
Stotfeld.	Humfridus Wolverston, in terris	x			ij
Hinteys.	Edwardus Basset, in terris	xv			ij
Hampstall Rid- ware.	Thomas Fitz Herbert, miles, in terris	xl		j	ij
Yoxall.	Simon Arden, ar., in terris	x			ij
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	terris			
Fysherwicke.	Johannes Skevington, in terris	XV		ij
Hondesworthe.	Thomas Wyrley, ar., in terris	XX	j	j
	Henry Groves, in terris	x		ij
Walsall Foreyne.	Franciscus Montford, in terris	ж		ij ij
Weforde et Thick- brome.	Humfridus Thickbrome, in bonis	xiij vj v	riij	j
Elford.	Johannes Bowes, ar., in terris	xxvj xiij	iiij j	j
Pyry Barre.	Robertus Stamford, ar., in terris	xx	j	j
Drayton Basset.	Thomas Robinson, in terris	x		ij
Pype cum Mem- bris.	Edward Sprott, in terris	x		ij
	Launces Lighthorses		cxxiiij	

Nomina et Arma nobiliu' et equitu' auratoru' de com' Stafford qui cum Ed. I., rege, stipendia merebant in Scotiâ et alibi.*

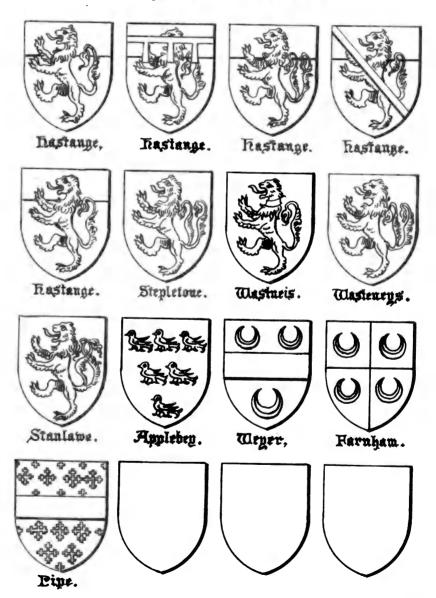
Sr Robert de Hastange. Azure, a chief gules, over all a lion rampant or.

Sr Lohn de Hastange. The same arms with a label

Sr John de Hastange. The same arms, with a label argent.

• These shields of the Knights of "Estaffordeschire" were taken from an ancient Roll, the original of which is still preserved among the Cotton Manuscripts in the British Museum. It is headed "Ces sunt les Noms e les Armes a Banerez de Engleterre," and contains the arms of the said knights blazoned in French and arranged under counties. Sir Harris Nicolas, under whose able editorship the entire Roll was pub ishell in 1829, dates it between the second and seventh years of Edward II. This, he says, is "manifest from internal evidence, and the handwriting is undoubtedly of that age." The same Roll had been previously printed by Sir Francis Palgrave in the volume of Parliamentary Writs edited by

Pomina et Arma nobiliu et 95 eguitü auratorü de com Stafford gui cum Ed: 3. rege stipendia merebant in Scotia et alibi.



Azure, a chief gules, over all a S' Robert de Hastange. lion rampant double tailed or. Azure, a chief gules, over all a S' Richard de Hastange. lion rampant or, a bendlet argent.* Sr Phillippe de Hastange. Azure, a chief gules and a lion rampant argent. S' Rob't de Stepletone. Azure, a lion rampant double tailed or. Sr William Wastneis. Sable, a lion rampant argent, collared gules. Sr Edmonde Wasteneys. Sable, a lion rampant double tailed argent. Sr Rafe de Stanlawe. Argent, a lion rampant sable, the tail forked and nowed. Sr Henry de Applebey. Azure, six martlets, 3, 2, and 1, or. S' William de Weyer. Argent, a fesset between three crescents gules. Sire Rob'te de Farnham. Quarterly argent and azure, four crescents counterchanged. Sr Thomas de la Pipe. Azure, semé de cross-crosslets, a

Arma Nobilium de Com. Stafford, ex libro antiquo in officio armorum.

Le Conte de Stafford.

Or, a chevron gules.

fesse or.1

Sr Richard de Stafford.

Or, a chevron gules between three martlets sable.

him under the authority of the Record Commission. The spelling of the names in the Stukeley MS. does not in every instance exactly correspond with that of the original Roll, and the arms are in "trick," but I have here reduced them to modern blazon, and preserved the orthography of the Visitation.

* In the original Roll "un bastoun."

† The word fesse has been subsequently added (in the original Roll) in place of one which was erased. (Nicolas.)

‡ This entry in the original Roll is "in another but apparently an early hand." (Nicolas.)

§ Whether this "liber antiquus" still remains in the College of Arms I have not ascertained, but this list is given in all, or nearly all, the existing copies of the Visitation. Erdeswick possessed a copy and so did Wyrley. The latter dates it "aut finem regis Ed. tertii, aut incipient. regis Ei. secundi, ut opinor." The

Sr Nicholas de Stafford.

S' Humphrey de Stafford.

Le Sieur de Audley. Le Baron de Dudley.

Le Sieur Bassett.

S' Foulco de Penbrugge. Sr Thomas de Arderne.

Penbrugge. Sr Roger Illary. S' Walter de Audley.

*Sr Thomas Cawne.

Sr John Bagott.

Sr Gyles Erdinton.+

Or, a chevron gules, a chief

Or, a chevron gules within a border engrailed sable.

Gules, fretty or.

Quarterly: 1 and 4, Or, two lions passant in pale azure; 2 and 3, Argent, a cross patonce azure.

Or, three piles gules, a canton ermine.

Barry of six or and azure.

Gules, six crosses crosslet fitché, 3, 2, and 1, and a chief or.

Barry or and azure. Sable, a fleur-de-lis or.

Gules, fretty or, a border argent charged with fleurs-de-lis and crosses crosslet fitché alternately, sable.

Per pale argent ("forsan fuit azure") and gules, a lion ramof the pant double tailed first.

Argent, a chevron gules between three martlets sable.

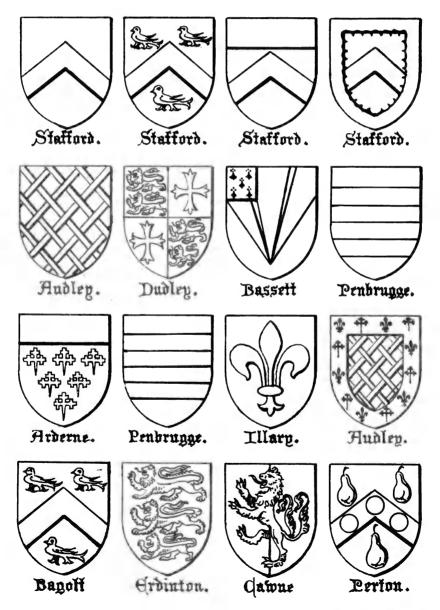
... three (sic) lions passant

former refers to it in these words: "I have myself the copy of a Roll of Armory, intituled, 'Arma Nobilium de Com. Staff.,' where it is said that le Counte de Stafford post de or, a une cheveron de gules; and not far after it saith 'Antiquiora insignia de Audele, Azure, trois choisers, or butterflies, de argent; and Monsieur John de Chandose port de argent à une pile de gules; whereby it appeareth that the said Roll was made in the time of Edward III." (Edit. 1844, p. 102.) From this it appears that Erdeswick's copy was in blazon.

* This shield is blank in Harl. MS. 6128, and also in Lord Hatherton's MS. Vide post.

† After the marriage of Henry de Erdington with Maud, daughter of Roger de Somerie, the Erdingtons bore Azure, two lions passant or-the Somerie coat with the colours reversed. In the Roll of temp. Edw. II., Sir Henry de Erdington bears the coat within a border gules. And, according to Dugdale, Sir Giles de Erdington, who died 49 Edw. III., bore for his arms a bend over his two lions.

Arma Nobilium de Com. Stakkord, ex libro autiquo in officio armorum.



Sr Thomas Cawne. Per pale azure and gules, a lion rampant double argent. Sr John Perton. Azure, on a chevron gules between three pears pendent or, as many bezants. Argent, a chevron gules. Sr Walter de Bentley. Sr Robert de Swinnerton. Argent, a cross formé floré sable. Gules, on a canton sable a fleur-Sr William Newport. de-lis argent. Azure, three butterflies argent. Audley jadis.—In margin "Antiquiora Arma de Audley." Argent, on a fesse cottised sable Sr Henry Bushbury. three escallops of the field. Sr John Chaundois. Argent, a pile gules. S' John de Hyde. Sable, a fesse between six martlets argent. Sr Edward Butler. Azure, a chevron between three ewers or. Sr Peirs de Cariswall. Argent, two bars each cottised sable. Gresley. Vaire argent gutté de poix and gules. *Sr Benet de Sutton. Argent, two bars gules within a border engrailed sable. Sr Roger de Aston. Argent, a fesse and in chief three lozenges sable. Sr John de Hampton.+ Argent, on a chevron gules between three cinquefoils azure, as many bezants. Bendy or and sable. William Bentley. John Hewet. Sable, a chevron engrailed between three owls argent.

[•] In Harl. MS. 1570, "Sir Bennet, de Sutton," which is probably correct, the coat being that of Bennet, not Sutton.

[†] Lord Hatherton's MS. and Harl. MS. 1570 add the crest, A wolf's head couped sable.

*Harry Harville.

Argent, two lions passant in pale

sable, crowned or.

William de Strettay.

Argent, three buck's heads cabossed or attired gules.

John de Swinerton.

Argent, a cross formé flory sable within a border engrailed

gules.

Nicholas de Ruggeley.

Argent, on a chevron sable three pierced mullets of the field. Crest: A stag's head erased or.

S' Thomas de Aston.

A blank shield.

S' Richard de Verdon.

Argent, fretty sable, on a canton gules a martlet of the first.

+Sr John de Touchet.

A blank shield. A blank shield.

‡Sr Thomas Mawreward.

A blank shield.

S' Jacob de Pype.§

A blank shield.

S' Thomas de Tamhorne.|| S' Robert Mawissin.

Bendy gules and argent. Gules, a cross ermine.

Sr Thomas Beeke.

Or, a cross engrailed sable.

S' John Gyffard.¶ S' Hugh Wrottesbury.**

Or, three piles sable, a canton ermine.

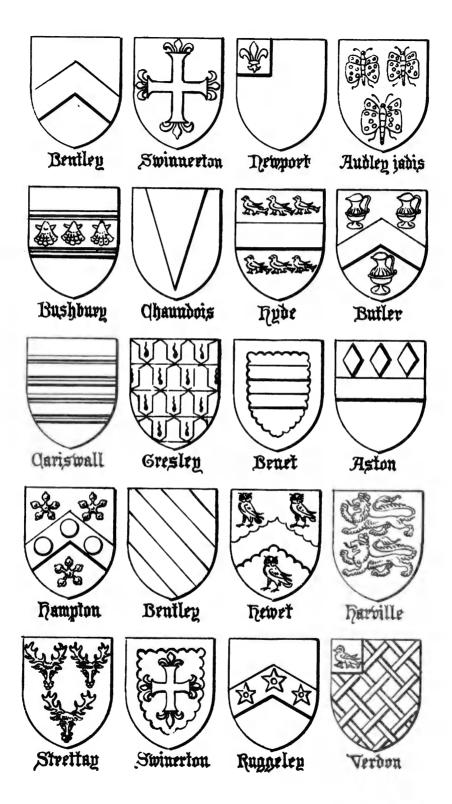
Sr John Grendon.

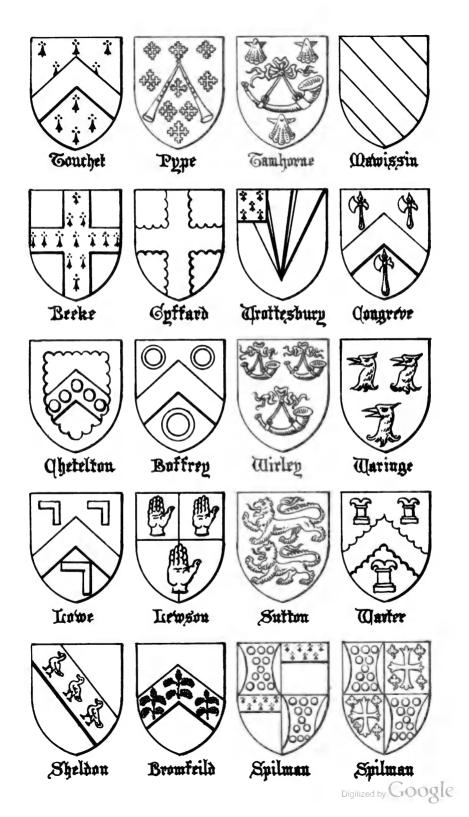
A blank shield.

Sr Geffrey Congreve.++

A blank shield.

- * Harl. MS. 6128 and other MSS. give the field sable and the lions argent, and it was so quartered by Comberford. See Harl. MS. 1439, etc.
 - † Ermine, a chevron gules. (Harl. MS. 6128.)
 - 1 "Shaweward" in Harl. MS. 1570.
- § James in Harl. MS. 6128, where the following arms are given—Azure, crusuly or, two pipes conjoined in chevron of the last. Erdeswick says that "Sir James de Pipe, who lived 28 Edw. III., sealed with a chevron in a bordure plain," though his father, Robert, bore the arms above described.
- || Argent, a bugle horn strung between three escallops sable. (Harl. MS. 6128.)
- ¶ This is an undoubted mistake. The coat is that of *Ufford*. In the Harl. MS. 6128 the shield is blank; in MS. 1570 "al's Ufford" is added. It is curious that in a Roll stated to be of the reign of Edward I., the same coat is ascribed to Robert de Giffard, though in the margin is written "credo Ufford."
 - Wrottesley alias Wrotsley" in Harl. MS. 6128.
 - †† Sable, chevron between three battle axes argent. (Ib.)





Chetelton.* Argent, on a chevron within a border engrailed gules five bezants. John Boffrey. Argent, a chevron between three annulets sable. Cornelius Wirley. Azure, three bugle horns argent. Nicholas Waringe.+ Sable, three falcon's heads erased argent. Edmonde at Lowe. Argent, a chevron between three carpenter's squares sable. Ric'us Lewson. Quarterly azure and gules, three dexter hands couped at the wrist argent. Or, two lions passant in pale Sr Thomas Sutton. azure. Sr William Warter.1 Argent, a chevron engrailed between three chess-rooks sable. Sheldon. Argent, on a bend gules, three sheldrakes or. Sable, on a chevron argent three &Bromfeild. broom sprigs vert.

* " William de Chettelton." (Harl. MS. 6128.)

† "De la Lee." (Ib.)

||Spilman.

Quarterly: 1 and 4, Sable, platée two flanches argent: 2 and 3.

Gules, a chief ermine.

In the same coat was borne by Brome of Warwickshire. See the Visitation of that county taken in 1619.

|| This is the coat of Spelman quartering Narborough as borne by the famous Sir Henry Spelman of Narborough, co. Norfolk (b. 1562, ob. 1641). Gwillim (first ed. 1611, p. 253) gives a cut of these arms, and says, "These coat-armors thus marshalled are borne by Sir Henry Spelman, Knight, a man very studious, a favourer of learning, and a careful preserver of antiquities." I have not been able to discover any connection between this family and the county of Stafford.

t After this name in Harl. MS. 1570 is written "Finis Rotuli." And there is really no doubt that the ancient Roll ends with Thomas Sutton, the succeeding coats being of a much later date. Who Sir William Warter was I have not ascertained, but Burke ("General Armory") states that a similar coat was borne by a Sir Wm. Warter temp. Henry VIII. The same writer ascribes this coat to Warter or Walter of Cundall, co. York, and it was allowed at the Visitation of Middlesex in 1663 to William Walters of Edmonton, second son of Christopher Walters of Cundall, co. York. The Walcots of Shropshire bear a somewhat similar coat.

*Spilman.

Quarterly: 1 and 4, as the last; 2 and 3, Gules, a cross patonce between four trefoils slipped or.

IN DEAMBULATORIO BARONIS DE BURLEYGH APUD THIBAULDE'S.+

Dominus Stafford. Or, a chevron gules.

Comes Essex. Argent, a fesse gules, in chief

three torteaux.

Dominus Audley. Gules, fretty or.

Dominus Dudley. Or, a lion rampant double tailed

vert.

Dominus Pagett. Sable, on a cross engrailed be-

tween four eagles displayed argent five lions passant of the

field.

Walterus Aston, miles. Argent, a fesse sable, in chief

three lozenges of the last.

Gresley. Vaire ermine and gules.

Litleton al's Westcote. Argent, a bend cottised sable

within a border engrailed gules

bezanté.

Egerton. Gules, a fesse ermine between

three pheons argent.

Bagenholte. Sable, an inescutcheon argent

charged with a leopard's face gules within an orle of eight

martlets of the second.

Fleetwoode. Per pale nebulé or and azure, six

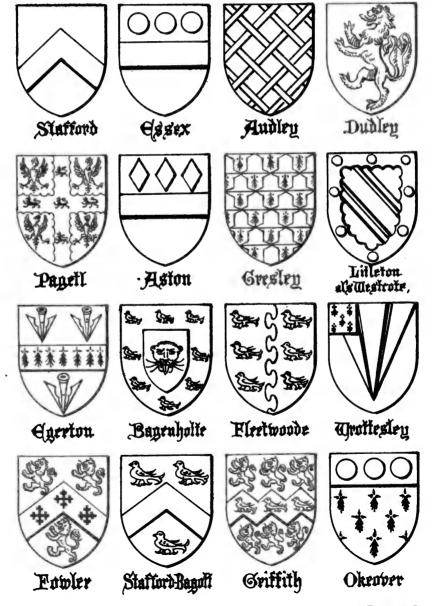
martlets, 2, 2, and 2, counter-

changed.

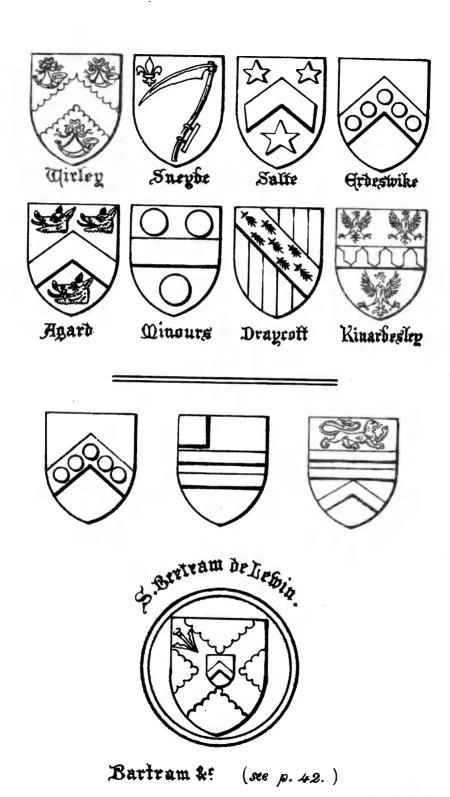
• The quartering is ** Manning of Downe, Kent, confirmed 1577 ** (Papworth). A similar coat is ascribed to Manning of Norfolk.

† Theobald's, Herts, then the seat of the famous Lord Burleigh, but afterwards the royal palace of King James I., who acquired it from Sir Robert Cecil in exchange for Hatfield. We learn from a survey of crown lands, made in 1650 by the Parliamentary Commissioners, that on the east side of the house was a cloister and over it a long gallery, called the "Green Gallery," in which were "excellently well painted" the arms of the noblemen and gentlemen in the "severall shires in England."

In Deambuladorio Baronis de Burleygh apud Thibaulde's.



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Wrottesley. Or, three piles sable, a canton ermine.

Fowler. Azure, on a chevron between

three lions rampant or, as many crosses crosslet sable.

Stafford, Bagott. Or, a chevron between three

martlets gules.

Griffith. Gules, on a fesse dancetté argent

between six lions rampant or,

three martlets sable.

Okeover. Ermine, a chief gules charged

with three bezants.

Wirley. Argent, a chevron engrailed be-

tween three bugle horns sable,

stringed or.

Sneyde. Argent, a scythe and snead, blade

in chief sable, in the dexter

chief a fleur-de-lis.

Salte. Argent, a chevron couped be-

tween three mullets sable.

Erdeswike. Argent, a chevron gules charged

with five bezants.

Agard. Argent, a chevron gules between

three boar's heads couped close

sable.

Minours. Gules, a fesse argent between

three plates.

Draycott. Paly of six or and gules, a bend

ermine.

Kinardesley. Argent, a fesse vaire or and gules

between three eagles displayed

of the last.

THE SEALE OF THE TOWNE OF STAFFORDE.

[Here is a trick of the Seal.]

The Towne of Stafforde, hed borrough of the County, is ancyently corporated and privileged by Kinge Whereof at the tyme of this presente Visitac'on Nicholas Woodhouse

and Frauncis Lee were Baylifes and Justices of Peace within the libertyes therof, Frauncys Cradocke recorder of the sayde Towne, likewise Justice of Peace w'thin the liberties therof; and these whose names hereafter ensue were of the companie and brotherhood of the same Towne that is to say: Mathew Cradocke, Thomas Whitby, Martyn Nowell, James Shirewood, William Blackborne, John Homersley, Roberte Lee, Edmond Blore, Richard Sterton, George Cradocke, Thomas Dorrington, Edward Lee, Richard Cotton, William Morres, William Duncalf, Richard Dorington, and Willyam Phillippes.

THE SEALE OF THE TOWNE OF LEICHFEILDE.

[Here is a trick of the Seal.]

The Cittie of Lichfeilde, in the Countye of Stafforde, is incorporated by the name of Baylifes, Burgesses, Cittizens, and the Commonaltye of the same Cyttie, by the noble prince of famous memorye Kinge Edwarde the Sixth, in the firste yeare of his Raigne. And at the tyme of this present Visitac'on of Staffordsheire were Baylifes therof, John Chatterton and Humfrey Ilsley; and John Blounte was sherife. And these, whose names doe herafter followe, were then Citizens and of the Corporation of the same Cittye, that is to save: Humfrey Lowe, Nicholas Birde, James Weston, John Feckenam, George Bagshawe, Walter Whitwicke, Thomas Tewe, John Walkelate, George Holmes, Humfrey Madocke, John Burnes, Will'm Baylie, John Byrde, Henry Hanson, Roger Perkins, John Lovate, Rob'te Dale, Symon Byddulle, John Ampe, Kenelmus Hawkes, Richard Burwaye, Richard Otteley, and James Cruchley. Moreover Thomas Edgerton esqr Solliciter to the Queene's Matie was then Recorder, and Richarde Broughton was Stewerde of the libertyes of the same Cittye.

THE Com'on Seale of the Burgh of Newcastle under Lyne.

[Here is a trick of the Seal.]

The Towne and Burgh of Newcastle under Lyne is antyently encorporated by Kinge H. 3, Kinge of Ingland an' reg' sui 19 by the name of Mayor and Burgeses; wherof was mayor at the

tyme of this present Survey and visitac'on Raulph Edgerton, esq^r. And these followings were at that tyme the Aldermen there, viz., S^r Raulph Edgerton, Knight, Raulph Sneyd, esq^r, Richard Pateson, Thomas Cleyton, Randoll Baginhould, Thomas Dale, and Edward Brette, esquiers.

THE DOUBTFUL ARMS OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

[The ensuing list does not appear in the Stukeley MS. nor in the (presumed) Original, but it is given in Lord Hatherton's MS. and several other copies of the Visitation. It no doubt contains those coats which were disallowed or "respited" by Glover. I here print it from the Harl. MS. 1570, where, as the Harleian Catalogue has it, the arms are "hastily tricked within printed escocheons." It is there headed, "Here beginneth the doubtfull Armes of Staffordshire."]

John Brettayne, of Serescott and Tamworth.

Raufe Aderley, of Coton.

John Skevington, of Fysherwyke.

Sir John Bowes, of Elford.

*Sir Symond Weston, of Lichfield.

Azure, a bend between six mullets or.

Argent, on a bend azure three lozenges or, each charged with a pheon gules.

Argent, three bull's heads erased sable.

Ermine, three bows strung in pale gules, in the dexter chief a fleur-de-lis

Ermine, on a chief azure five bezants, a martlet gules for difference.

An evident interpolation, for Sir Simon was not a knight in 1583, and his father, James Weston, was then living. The latter made his will in 1589, and therein names his son James, then under twenty-four years of age, and his son and heir Simon. It may be here mentioned that the elaborate pedigree of Weston printed in Harwood's "Erdeswick" was fabricated in 1632 for Richard, Lord Weston, then Lord Treasurer of England. (Vide Mr. Chester-Waters's "Memoirs of the Chesters of Chicheley.") It should be added that Sir Simon does not appear in the lists of doubtful coats given in Lord Hatherton's MS. and in the Harl, MSS. 1077, 1173,

*Edmund James, of Worcestershire.

Azure, on a chevron between three lions passant guardant or, as many escallops sable. Crest: A cubit arm vested bendy sinister or and azure, holding in the hand proper a hawk's lure gules, garnished, etc., gold.

Humfrey Wolverston, of Stotfeild.

Sable, a fesse wavy between three wolf's heads erased or. Crest: Under a tree a wolf statant, all proper.

Humfrey Everard, of Whittington.

Gules, on a fesse between three estoiles argent, as many pierced mullets sable.

Raufe Mynors, of Utoxeter.

Gules, a fesse argent between three plates.

Peter Roos, of Swyneshead (extra Comitat.).

Azure, three water bougets or.

Edmund Bradock, of Adbaston.

Argent, a greyhound courant within a border engrailed sable. Argent, two bars gules, in chief

Edward Manwaring, Whitmore.

a mullet for difference. Argent, on a chevron azure three

Edward Brett, of Kele.

bezants, in chief an annulet

Gilbert Astley, of Patishall.

Azure. a cinquefoil pierced ermine.

Edmund Blount, of Burton.

Nebulé or and sable, within a border componé argent and gules.

Edward Swinerton of Eccleshall.

Argent, a cross formée flory sable, debruised with a bendlet gules.

 Edmund James was doubtless a member of the family seated at Astley and Forfield Court in the county of Worcester, of which a pedigree will be found in Harl, MS. 6128. Edmund James "of Swinford Regis" was admitted to the Inner Temple in 1548. One Edmund James was steward of the manor of Himley temp. Elizabeth; his son, Walter James of Enville, gent., was one of the witnesses examined in an Exchequer suit relating to lands in Himley at 1587, and was then "aged 43 or thereabouts."

Pedigrees.

Adderley of Coton.

Thomas Adderley of the Joane, the da. of John Blackhaghe in the Coun-Thirkell of Smallwood tye of Stafford. in Com. Stafforde.

Joane, eldest, mar. Elizabeth, mar. Alice, mar. to John Cogniers to Rob'te Smithe to Will'm de Com. Ebor. of Brandston. Peverell.

Thomas Adderley, eldest sonne, mar. Joane. da. of Rob't Warner.

John Adderley, second sonne, mar. Elene, the widdowe of one Gilbert.

Humfrey Adderley, Groome of the Robes the Queene's Matie; mar. first da. of North de Com. Notts, after da. of Capell.

George Adderley, 5 sonne. died in Fraunce. sans yssue.

Margare, the da.= of Thomas Bagot of Blithefelde, Esqr; first wife.

=Raulf Adderley of Cotton in=Phelice, da. of Henry the County of Stafford, Esqr, Justice of Peace; nowe livinge in anno 1583.

Milwarde in Com. Derby: second wife.

Richard Adderley, eldeste sonne, ætatis 26 annor' anno 1583.

Will'm, eldeste sonne by the seconde wife, ætat. 23 an'or' 1583.

Thomas, 2 sonne.

Elene, eldest da.

Raulf, 3 sonne.

Dorothe, 2 da.

John, 4 sonne.

Grace, 3 da.

Walter, 5 sonne.

Mary, 4 da.

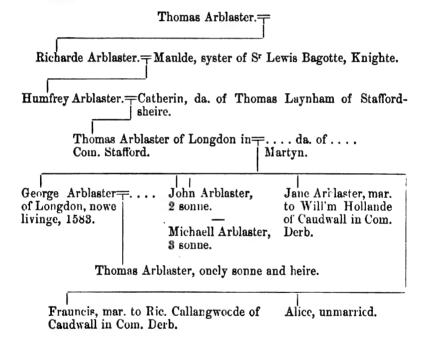
George, 6 sonne.

R. ADDERLEY.

Arblaster of Longdon.

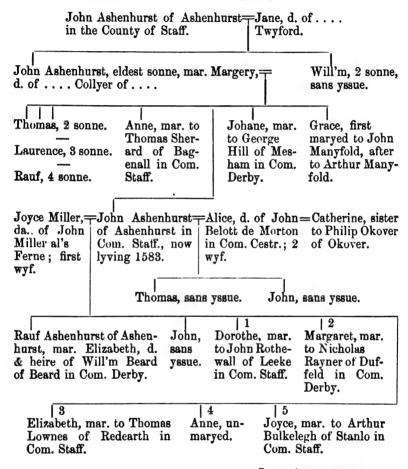
ARMS.—Ermine, a cross-bow bent gules.

A trick of a seal containing the same arms on a circular shield, and an ostrich feather encircled by a ducal coronet for crest. Legend: "SEEL EDMOND ARBALASTIER." Over it: "Taken after an old seale in brasse."



THOMAS ARBLASTER.

Ashenhurst of Ashenhurst.*



John Asshenhurst.

^{*} In the presumed original (Queen's College MS.) this pedigree is crossed out; and, as will have been seen (ante, p. 15), John Ashenhurst of Ashenhurst was publicly disclaimed at Uttoxeter. This John died Oct. 20, 1597, and has a brass in Leek Church, whereon are represented the following arms: Or, a cockatrice, the tail terminating in a serpent's head and nowed sable, the comb, wattles, and head gules, in the beak a sprig vert. Crest: A cockatrice as in the arms. According to the Harl. MS. 1570, these bearings were granted by Dethick, Garter, in 1603, perhaps for the special purpose of being placed on this monument. There is a drawing of the brass in Mr. Sleigh's "History of Leek," facing p. 73.

Astley of Pateshull.

Thomas de Astley, Elizabetha, filia Thomæ de Bello-D'n's de Astley. campo, Comitis Warwici. Will'm's de Astley, = Catherina, soror Thomas Astley, = Elizabetha, filia D'n's de Astley, | Baronis de Wilmiles, filius et hæres Ric'di Thomæ, Ar.; miles. loughby. Harccourt. sed quære ?* militis. Thomas=Johanna, Johannes de Aste-Johanna unica filia et hæres, ux. s'c'da Regi-naldi D'ni Grey de Astley, filia ley, inclitissimi ordinis Equestris Thomas Ruthin. Greselev. Garterij, militis. militis. Thomas Astley de Pates-Margareta, filia Will'm's de Joh'es de Astley. hill in Com. Staff.; se-Thomæ Butler, Astley, depultus apud Wolvermilitis, et Elizacollatus. hampton ano 1 R. 3. bethæ uxoris Hugo de eius. Astley. Johanna, filia Joh'is Oteley de Pichford in Com. Salop, et suæ Will'm's Astley, Ricardus Astley= de Patteshill. sine prole. conjugis, filiæ Blount. Thomas de Maria, filia et una hæredum Jana, uxor Thomæ Bagot Astlev de Gilberti Talbot de Grafton, de Blithfeild. Pateshill. militis. Ricardus Bagott. Gilbertus Astley de Dorothea, filia Thomæ Joh'es Elizabetha, nupta Pateshill in Com. | Giffard de Chillinton Joh'i Wrotesley Astley. Staff., Ar., modo in Com. Staf., Ar. de Wrotesley in sup'stes in ano Com. Staf. 1583. Thomas Astley, Margeria, filia Walteri Aston de p'mogenitus. Ticksall in Com. Stafford, militis.

Walterus Astley.

[•] The doubt here thrown upon the parentage of Sir Thomas Astley is curious, for Dugdale and all the genealogists agree in making him second son of Thomas by Elizabeth Beauchamp, daughter of Guy (not *Thomas* as above), Earl of Warwick,

Aston of Tirall.

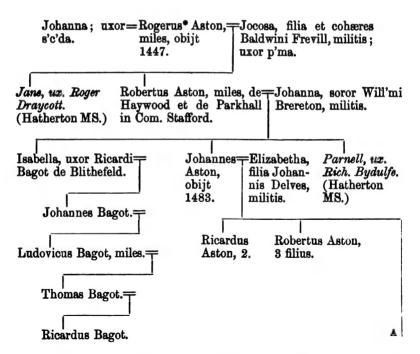
ARMS.—Quarterly—1. Argent, a fesse, and in chief three lozenges sable.

[ASTON.] 2. Or, a cross patonce gules. [FREVILLE.] 3. Bendy or and azurs. [Montfort.] 4. Gules, two bars genelles argent, over all a bendlet of the last. [Welsh.] 5. Sable, on a chevron argent between three lion's heads erased or, as many cinquefoils of the field. [STAUNTON.] 6. Or, three bends gules. [BYRON.]

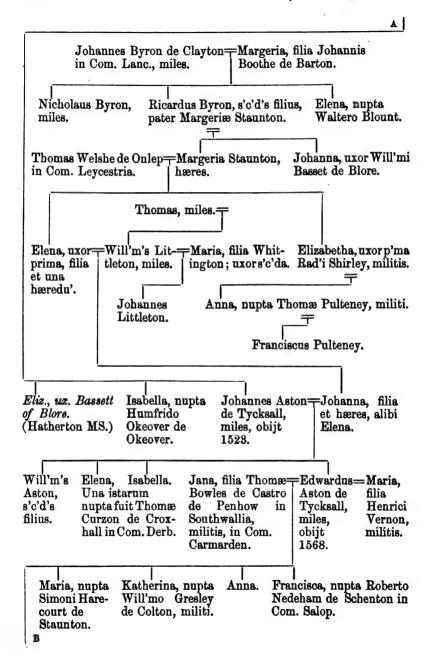
the field. [STAUNTON.] 6. Or, three bends gules. [BYRON.]
CREST.—A bull's head couped or, the horns argent, tipped sable. (A second Crest is given in Lord Hatherton's MS., viz., A chapeau, issuant therefrom on either side a bull's horn proper.)

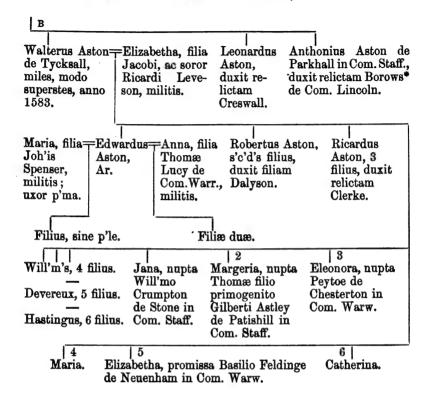
Rogerus de Aston, 85 E. 8.

Thomas de Aston, filius et hæres.



^{*} According to Lord Hatherton's MS., this Roger was the son of Thomas de Aston, Kt., by Elizabeth, sister and coheir of Reginald Lee, which Thomas was son of Roger, and grandson of another Roger de Aston, living 19 E. 1, and 35 E. 3.





Bagot of Blithsteld.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Argent, a chevron gules between three martlets sable. [Bagot.] 2. Or, a lion rampant, doubled tailed gules. [Blithfield.†] 3. Per pale dancettée argent and sable. [Malory.]

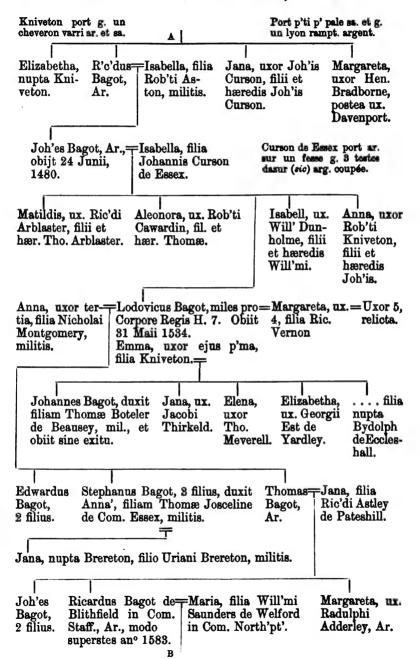
CREST.—In a ducal coronet or, a goat's head argent, horned gold.

Rad'phus Bagott, miles, de Bagotts Bromeley.

Joh'es Bagot, miles.—Beatrix, filia Joh'is Villiers, militis.

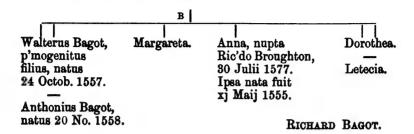
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^{Belict of} *Henry* Borough of Stowe in Lincolnshire, by whom he had issue, Edward, Walter, and John, of whom Edward had "a dau.," and Walter had a son of his own name. (Hatherton MS.)
† Sie in Stukeley MS., but 2 is *Malory*, and 3 Blithfield.



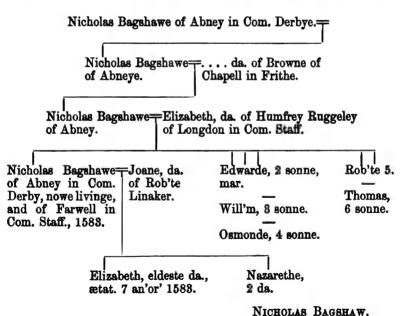


Bagok.



Bagshaw of Farwell.

ARMS.—Or, a bugle horn sable, stringed vert, between three roses gules.



NICHOLAS DAGSHAW.

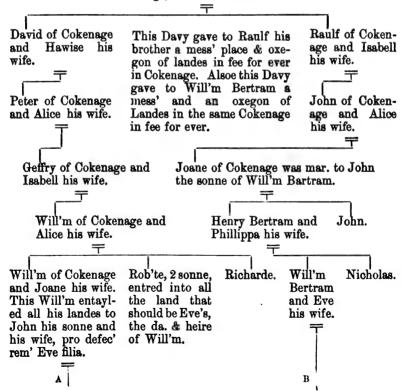
Cokenage and Bartram of Barlaston.

EX VETERE QUODAM SCRIPTO IN PARGAMEN' 14 SEPTEMBRIS 32 H. 8.

[Three small escutcheons: 1, on a chevron five roundles; 2, two bars and a canton; 3, two barulets, between in_chief a lion passant to the sinister, and in base a chevron. A circular seal, thereon a shield charged with a saltire engrailed, on the saltire in the dexter chief a pheon, in the centre of the saltire an inescutcheon charged with a chevron. Over: "S. Bertram de Lewin."

"This seale in brasse shewed by George Bartram of Barleston at Stone the 7 of August 1583." See Plate.]

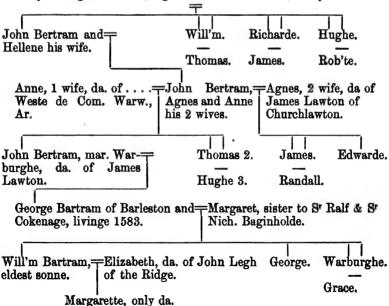
Hughe Cokenage, called Lorde of Cokenage, and Alice his wife.



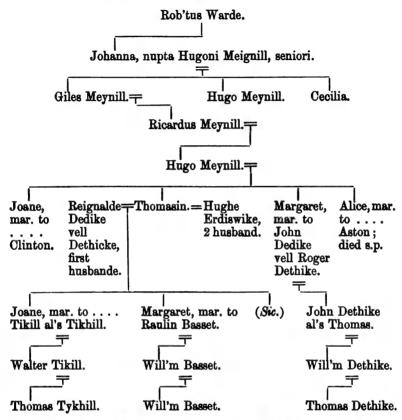
John of Cokenage and his wife Margery, dyed sans vssue. Eve, sister and heire of John, was wedded to John of the Hall of Bucknall, to the wch mariage Will'm her father gave all his mess', landes, and ten' in Bloreton in fee tayle; the wch John and Eve had noe yssue. The sayde Eve toke to her husband Roger Wolriche; the sayde Roger and Eve made estat by fine at Westm of all the mess', landes, and rentes in Bloreton and Cokenage (the wch was Eve's by guifte and by descente of her father) to twoe prests called John Globard and Richard Ford; the wch John Globarde was sonne to Thomas Globard; the wch Thomas had yssue Eve his da.; the wch Eve was wedded to Will'm Bertram, father of John Bartram, the father of Hughe that was righte heire by descente of bloud and by fine.

John Bertram and Joane his wife.

Hughe Bertram, that was right heire to all the Landes that were Will'm Bartram's, and alsoe of Ralf of Cokenage, and alsoe for defaulte of yssue of Davy Cokenage, the elder brother, and all the progeny that came of him, the sayde Hughe is heire to all the Landes, rentes, and services. The sayde Hughe Bertram, Agnes & Joane his wives, had yssue



Bassett, Megnell, etc.



Memorandum that the aforesayde Hugh Meynill was heire unto Warde and to Maynell, and was sessed of the mannors of Langley, Kingley, Newhall, and Hartishorne Staunton.

Wherof Joane had to her p'te Staunton-Harolde, Tyssington, & Upton, who other landes. Thomasin had to her p'te Langley, Kingley, who the advouson of the Church. And Margaret had to her parte Newhall, Hartshorne, who the advouson Staunton Warde.

Staunton Warde.

Memorand., that I, Phillip Dedike, a man of foursoore yeares of age & more, Witnesseth and saith that S' Hugh Maynell, Knight, had iiij daughters, of wch 4 daughters S' Will'm Dedike, at that tyme thresorer of England, had the custodye, and maryed one of them to Aston, and another to Clinton, and the other twoe wore wedded to his 2 sonnes Reignolde and Roger. Item, the da. wch Aston maryed died wthout yesue of her body, and the lande of the sayde S' Hugh Maynell was parted betwirte the sayde sisters. And the sayd Reignold Dedike wedded Thomasin, and had by her twoe daughters, Margaret & Joane, and after the death of the sayde Reignolde, one Hughe Erdeswike wedded the same Thomasyne, and had noe yesue by her. Margaret Raulin Basset wedded, and had by her yesue Will'm, father to Will'm that nowe is, and Joane one Tykill wedded.

Bassett of Blore and Hints.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1. Argent, three piles gules, on a canton of the first a griffin segreant sable. [Bassett.] 2. Gules, a cross ermine. [Beke.] 3. Vaire argent and sable. [Meynell.] 4. Sable, a lion rampant argent. [Everdon.] 5. Argent, three bends gules. [Byron.] 6. Argent, a bend azure charged with three annulets or, in the sinister chief a cross-crosslet fitchée of the second. [Clayton.]

CREST.—In a ducal coronet or, a boar's head gules.

A second shield as above, except that between Beke and Meynell is inserted another quartering, viz., (Argent), a fesse vaire (or and gules) between three water bougets (sable). [Dethicke.]

MOTTO.—En esperance d'avoir.

Staff., and of Langley in Com.

Derby, Esqr; nowe livinge, 1583.

Will'm Bassett of Elizabeth, da. of Thomas Henry Cokayne. Blore and Grendon Meverell of Throwley, 2 husbande. in Com. Staff., Esqr, Esqr. and of Langley in Com. Derb. Margaret, mar. to John Woodson of Litlehales in Com. Salop. Anne, daughters of Sr Thomas S' Will'm Bassett=Elenor, Thomas Frauncis of Blore, Kt, mar. 3 wife, Bassett. Bassett. Cokayne of to his 2 w. Isabell, 2 sonne, da. of Ashburne in the widowe of Jo. mar. da. Bradborne, da. & Littleto coheire of Richard wid. of of Com. Derby. Littleton. Knighte. of Ridware. Cotes. Edw. Bassett of Hintes. Divers mar. da. of Chetdaughters. Maulde, mar. to Ra. Okover winde of of Okover in Com. Staff., Esqr. Thomas Bassett, Frauncis. Will'm=Elizabeth, da. Margarett, Bassett of Sr Anthony 2 sonne, mar. 3 sonne. mar. to Rich. of Blore Fitzherbert of Elene, da. of died sans Copwood of Cotes of Woodand of Tatridge in Norbury, yssue. Com. Hercott in Com. Langley, Knight. ford. Esqr. Salop. Will'm Bassett of Blore in Com. Will'm Bassett of Fole in Dorothe.

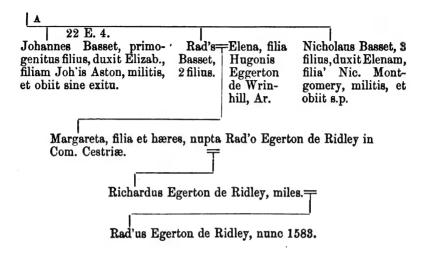
1583.

WILL'M BASSETT.

Com. Staff.; nowe livinge,

Bassett and Egerton.

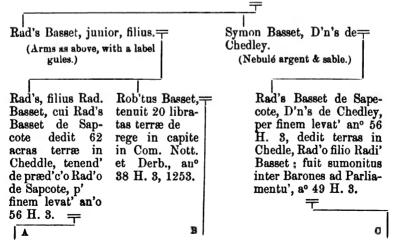
John Bassett de Chedley, 6 Ed. 2.= Joh'es Bassett de Chedley, miles, Johanna, filia et 44 Ed. 3, 6 H. 4. hæres Edmundus Rad'ph's Basset=Matildis, filia Reginaldus=Thomasina, Basset, de Nuplace, et | et hæres Dethike, 3 filia et una Thomse Beke postea de Chedf. Dethike. hæredum obijt sine p'le 1429, ley, 9 H. 4. et Aliciæ. Hugonis de p'mæ uxoris, 8 H. 6. Meynill. suæ quæ obijt 9 H. 5. Rad'ph's Bassett de Margareta, filia et sola = Nicholaus Montgomery, Chedlev, et de Blore, I hæres Regi. Dethike, filius Nich. Montgomery. et Grendon, 30 H. 6. quæ obijt 1466. militis; 2 mar. Johannes Biron, Will'm's Bassett de=.... Cecilia, uxor Hugonis Chedley, Blore, et Erdeswike, filii Hen. miles. Grendon, 34 H. 6, et de Langley. Ricardus Biron.=Lucia. Johanna, filia et co-Margeria, uxor Thomæ Will'm's Basset, Viscomes hæres Ric. Biron, Welshe de Onlep in Stafford in an'o 6 E. 4, 1 filii Joh'is Biron, sup'stes 5 H. 7, senior. Com. Leic. militis. Will'm's Basset, junior, Elizabetha, filia Thomæ Henricus Cokayn, 21 H. 7, de Blore et | Meverell de Throwley, 2 maritus. de Langley in Com. junioris, Ar. Derb. Will'm's Bassett de Blore, Anna, filia Thomæ Cokayn Grendon, et Langley, miles. | de Ashburne, militis. Will'm's Basset de=Elizabetha, filia Anthonij Fitzherbert Blore. de Norbery, militis. Will'm's Basset, modo superstes, 1583.

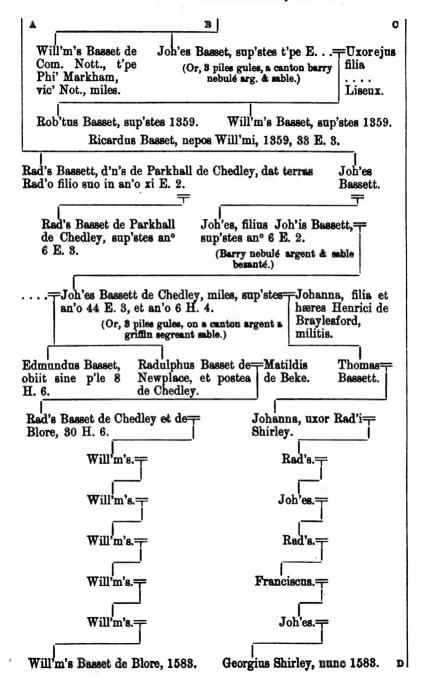


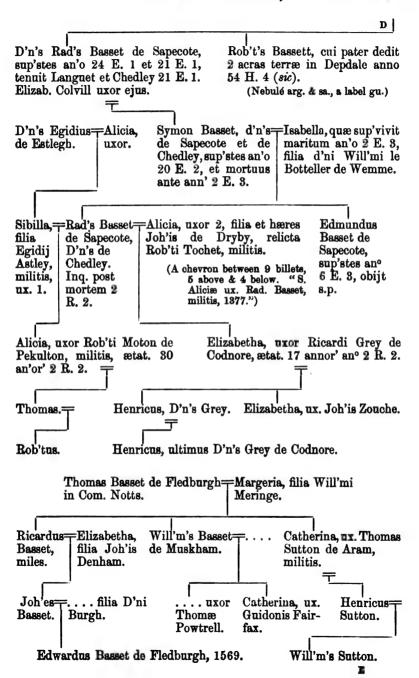
Bassett de Sapecott, Cheadle, Blore, Grendon, et Fledborough.

(Barry nebulée of six argent and sable; in trick.)

Will'm's Bassett, cui Osbertus Basewinus dedit manerium de Chedle in Com. Staff., t'pe Regis H. 2; quo tempore ipse Osbertus tenuit in eodem Com. tria feoda militaria de D'no Rob'to de Stafford, ut apparet in libro rubeo Scaccarij.







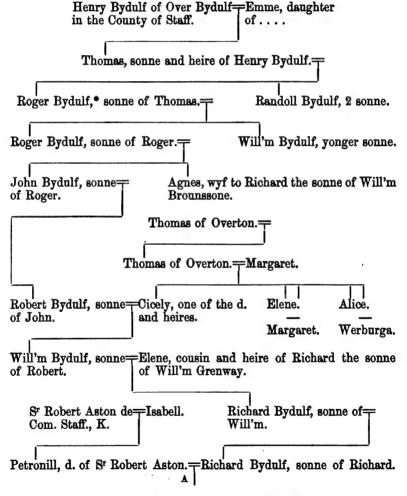
Biddulph of Biddulph.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Vert, an eagle displayed argent. [BIDDULPH.]

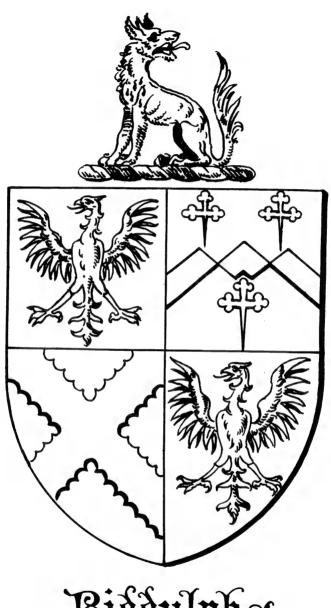
2. Argent, a chevron rompu between three crosses bottonée fitchée sable. [GREENWAY.]

3. Sable, a saltire engrailed or. [SALWAY.]

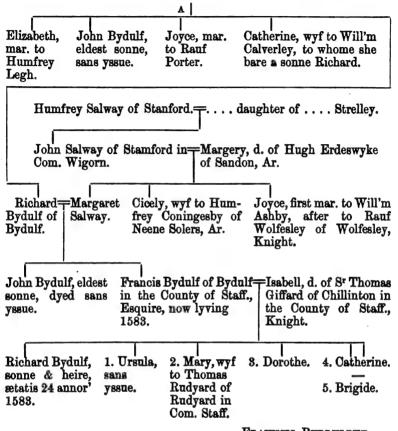
CREST.—A wolf sejant regardant argent, vulned in the shoulder gules.



^{* &}quot;This Roger Bydulf, Henry Verdun, and Robert of Knyperslegh, held the manner of Bydulf of Theobald Lord Verdun of Alveston, in chief, anno 24 E. 1."



Bisdulphs



FRAUNCIS BYDDULPHE.

Bowes of Elford, etc.

Elford, m.
Scotteshay, haya.
Haseley, 7 Virg.
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Alrewas.
Kinge's Bromley.

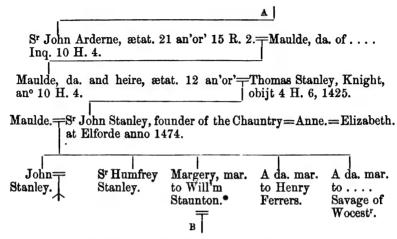
Staff.

Br Richarde Mauld, da. & heire of Stafforde.

Stafforde.

Maulde, da.—Sr Thomas Arderne.
and heire.
Inq. 15 R. 2.

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* This is a mistake. Margery Staunton was daughter of John Stanley, son and heir of Sir John and Maude. (See Shaw under Elford, and also the pedigree of Brooke of Haselor in this Visitation, post, page 57.) The pedigree given in Lord Hatherton's MS. is more complete than the above, and includes the issue and descendants of Sir Humphrey Stanley of Pipe. According to that pedigree, Sir John Stanley (son of Sir Thomas by the heiress of Arderne) had two sons, John of Elford, and Humphrey of Pipe. The former had issue (by Elizabeth his wife) three daughters, his coheiresses, viz.: Maud, married to William Ferrers of Tamworth; Anne, married to Christopher Savage of Worcestershire; and Margery, wife of William Staunton. William Ferrers is no doubt an error, for, according to Dugdale's "Warwickshire," and the Visitation of that county taken in 1619, it was Sir John Ferrers of Tamworth who married Maud Stanley. Sir Humphrey Stanley "of the Pype" (continues the pedigree) married Ellen, daughter of Sir James Lee of Stone, and by her had issue three sons and two daughters, viz.: (1) Sir John of the Pype, who was father, by Margaret his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Gerard, of two daughters and coheirs, viz., Isabel, married to Walter Moyle of Kent (and had a daughter and heiress Mary, married to Erasmus] Heveningham), and Elizabeth, wife of Sir John Hercy of Grove, Notte; (2) William Stanley, who married [Margaret], daughter of [Thomas] Comberford, and had issue an only child Dorothy, married to Christopher Heveningham; (3) Humphrey Stanley, "parson of Clyfton." The daughters were, Maud, wife of Thomas Wolverston, and Alice, wife of Thomas Swinnerton. According to Foster's "Lancashire Pedigrees." Sir John Stanley's first wife was Matilda (Maud), by whom he was father of John of Elford, and Humphrey of Pipe; his second was Isabella, daughter of Sir Richard Vernon, by whom he had three daughters, Alice, Isabel, and Catherine; and his third wife was Dulcia, daughter of Legh, by whom he had a son Roger.

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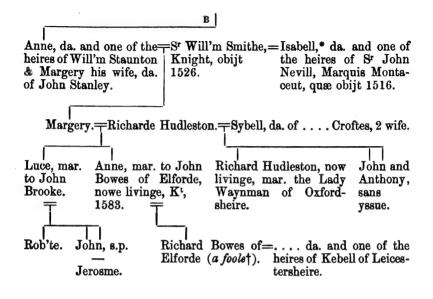
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With regard to the two Heveningham matches named above, it is observable that, according to the Visitation of Staffordshire taken in 1614 (Harl. MS. 1439), Erasmus Heveningham had issue by the "da. & heire of Moyle" a son Christopher, who married Dorothy, "da. of Stanley," that is to say that Christopher Heveningham married (if this pedigree be correct) the daughter of his great-grandfather's brother. This is stated (Erdeswick, p. 41) to be "not impossible as to dates," and it appears that Isabella Moyle was but thirty-five years older than her grandson

her grandson.

There is an able article on the Stanleys, Pipes, etc., of Elford and Clifton-Campville (signed with the well-known initials "S. P. W."), in the second volume of the "Topographer." Vide also Shaw, i., 354, where this article is extensively quoted.

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Bowger of Unipersley.

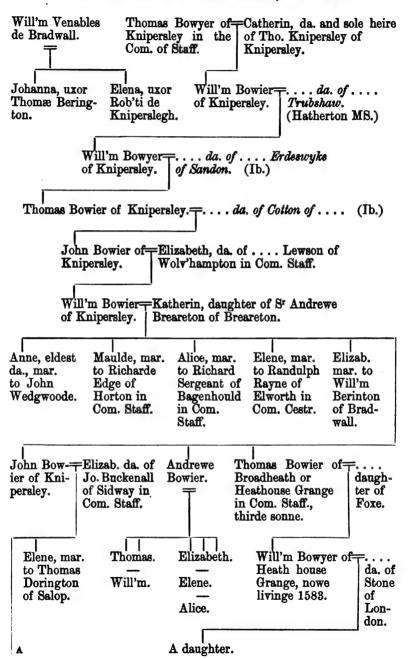
ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Argent, a lion rampant between three crosses crosslet fitchée gules. [Bowyer.] 2. Azure, three spades or, handles argent. [Knipersley.] 3. Azure, two bars argent, in chief as many plates. [Venables.]

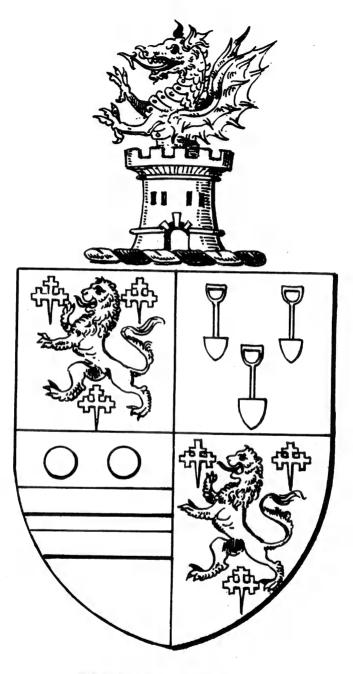
Crest.—Out of a tower gules, a demi-dragon or, langued of the first.

The Hatherton MS. adds, after Venables, Argent, a fire-pan sable, enflamed proper, in the dexter chief a crescent, for Haywood, "but not in the Vysitatyo'."

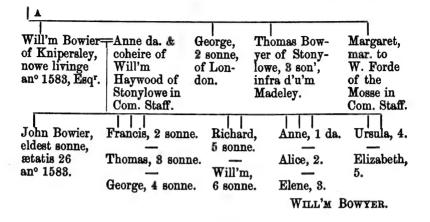
† A pencil note adds "not in Glover"!

[•] The Genealogists are silent as to this second marriage of Isabel Nevill with Sir William Smith. Her first husband was Sir William Huddleston, Knt., and he acquired with her the manor and estate of Sawston in Cambridgeshire, still enjoyed by the family. By her Sir William was father of the Richard Huddleston, named above, who married the daughter of his stepfather by his first wife, Anne Staunton. The marriage of Sir William Smith with Isabel, "unius hæredum Johannis Nevyle, militis, Marchionis de Monteacuto," is asserted on his monument at Elford, and she is stated to have died October 12, 1516.





Bowyer,



Brett of Beele.*

Nicholas Brett of Kele in the Countye of Staff. Thomas Brette of Dimmesdale in Com. Staff. -. . . . da. of Baginholde. Randolphe Brette of Dimmesdale. Anne, da. of Rob'te Woode of Keele. Edward Brette=Cicely, da. Thomas=Margaret, Nicholas Brette, of Kele in the of John da. of third sonne, a Brette Countie of Fitton, a of Wol-John minister, mar. & Staff., Esquier, stanton, Badlev hath yssue. younger brother of seconde nowe livinge of the house 1583. sonne. of Gawsworthe. Elene, mar. Margarett, Randolphe, Jane, mar. to Thomas to Anthony 2 da. Bowthe. eldest sonne. Brocke of Handley in Mary, 3. Thomas, 2 sonne. Isabell, 2. Com. Staff. Will'm, 3 sonne. Elenore, mar. to John Bourne.

Lord Hatherton's MS. has this note—"No Armes sett downe for Brett."
 See "Doubtful Arms," ante, p. 30.

Randolph Brett, Margarette, da. of Tho. Chetwinde sonne & heire. of Ingestrie, Ar.

Edwarde Raulfe, 2 sonne. Thomas, 4 sonne. Margaret, 1. Mary, 3. Brette, eldeste John, 3 sonne. Will'm, 5 sonne. Elene, 2. sonne.

Brooke of Baselor.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Argent, a cross engrailed per pale sable and gules, in the first quarter an annulet of the last. [BROOKE.] 2 and 3. Quarterly—I. and IV., Argent, on a bend azure three buck's heads cabossed or [STANLEY]; II. and III., Or, on a chief indented azure three plates [LATHAM], over all a crescent for difference.

Margery, da. of John Stanley of Yetell, mar. to Will'm Staunton.

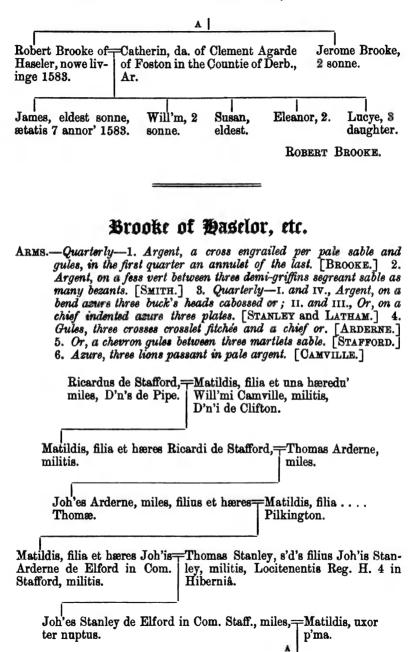
Richarde Brooke of Snelston Margery,* da. & heire to Will'm Staunton, mar. to Will'm Smith.

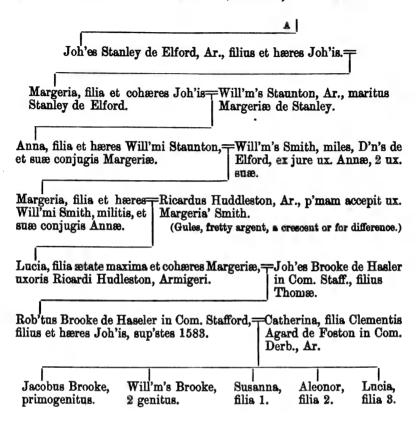
Thomas Brooke of — Richard Hudleston. Margery, da. & heire.

John Brooke† of Haseler in the Lucy, da. of Rich. Hudleston of Countye of Staff.

* Should be Anne.

[†] Shaw (i., 388) asserts that this John Brooke was the son of Sir Robert Brooke of Lapley, Knt., who died 1 Ed. VI. (1547). Harwood, in his notes to Erdeswick (edit. 1844, p. 458), repeats Shaw's mistake, and further complicates the pedigree by ignoring altogether the existence of Robert, who entered and signed this pedigree. "John Brooke" (he says) "died 1 June, 18 Eliz. (1571), and was succeeded by William Brooke his son, who died in 1641." The William Brooke to whom he here refers was really the "2 sonne" of Robert and Catherine née Agarde (James, the eldest son, having died s.p.), and he succeeded his father (Robert) in 1597. Dates do not seem to have had any importance in the eyes of Dr. Harwood. As a matter of fact, the William Brooke who died in 1641 was, according to his M.I. at Elford, aged 62 at his death. This would give 1579 as the date of his birth, that is to say eight years after the death of his assumed father.





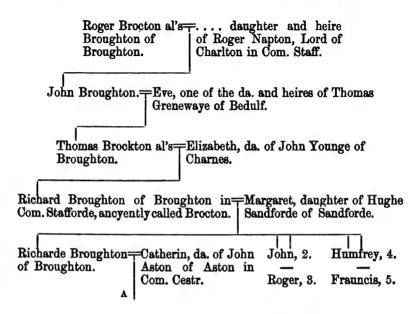
Broughton of Broughton.*

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Gules, a chevron between three "brockes" argent. [Broughton.] 2. Napton (blank). 3. Argent, a chevron rompu between three crosses bottonée fitchée sable. [Greenway.]

Opposite the shield is written: "This Thomas Broughton claymeth to beare for NAPTON these arms, Ar., lyon ramp. g. crowned or."

Lord Hatherton's MS. gives the arms of Napton as—Or, on a fesse azure, three escallops argent.

* This pedigree requires a thorough investigation. According to Erdeswick (edit. 1844, p. 111), the Broughtons were descended paternally from Napton. Boger de Napton, son of Henry de Napton, living 12 and 13 Edw. I., "had issue Elias de Broughton, who had issue John, who had issue William, who had issue

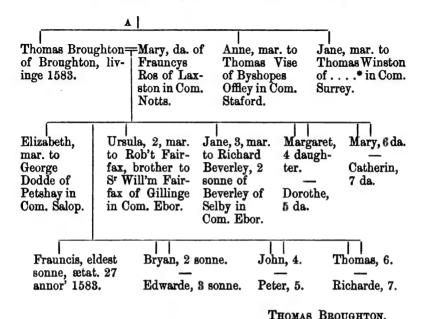


Richard, who had issue John, who had issue Thomas, who had issue Richard, who had issue Thomas, father of Francis Broughton, both living." A pedigree (said to be in the handwriting of Sir Henry St. George the elder) in the Harl. MS. 1439, brought down to 1623, commences with Simon de Chorleton, living 1256, whose daughter and heir married Henry Napton, and had issue a "da. & sole heir" Julian, married to Roger Broughton. Their son and successor was "Ely Broughton," living 1331, who married "da. & coheire of Reynold of Charnes," and was father by her of John Broughton, living 1368. This John had issue by Margaret his wife, daughter of Sir John Bromley, Knt., a son Thomas, living in 1405, who married "Elsas filia et coheres Ric'i Greneway de Bidulfe," and had Thomas, living 1463, who married Margaret, da. of John Younge of Charnes.

Another version of the Broughton pedigree will be found in Betham's "Baronetage" (ii., 242), and also in Kimber and Johnson (ii., 182). This version is said to be taken from "a MS. genealogy in the possession of the present baronet," and it appears to have been compared with Vincent's Staffordshire in the College of Arms. Here the family is deduced lineally from the Vernons of Shipbrook. Adam de Napton, we are informed, was son of Richard de Vernon, a younger son of Hugh, Baron of Shipbrook. This Adam de Napton was "so called from the place of his abode [Napton, Co. Warwick] and possessions," and he "gave for arms Or, on a fesse Azure three escallops of the field." He was father of Henry de Napton, who, by "the sister of Roger Meuland, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry," had issue a second son Roger, Lord of Broughton, etc., which Roger married Julian de Charnes (or, "as some pedigrees say, Julian, daughter and heiress of Roger Napton"), and had issue "Ely, and Reginald a priest." This Ely, we are told, married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Bromley, and was great-grandfather of the John Broughton who married the coheiress of Greneway.

It is singular that the Broughtons abandoned the three brooks, and subsequently adopted a totally different coat, viz., Argent, two bars gules, on a canton of the last a cross of the first. Crest: A sea-dog's head gules, finned and eared argent. These are the bearings allowed to Sir Bryan Broughton of Broughton, Bart., by Dugdale at his Visitation in 1663-4, and they are still borne by the family.

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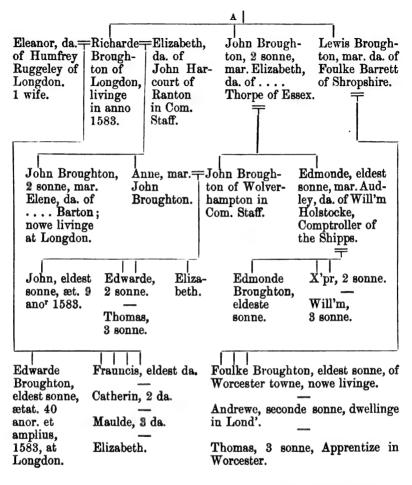
Broughton of Longdon.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Gules, a chevron between three "brockes" argent, within a border of the last. [Broughton.] 2 and 3. Gules, a chevron engrailed between three cinquefoils argent. [ACTON.]

Thomas Brockton al's Broughton—Isabell, da. & heire of Longdon in Com. Staff., of Walter Actone descended of the house of Broughton.†

[•] Of Flexworth (Hatherton MS.); of Wanborough (Harl. MS. 1439).

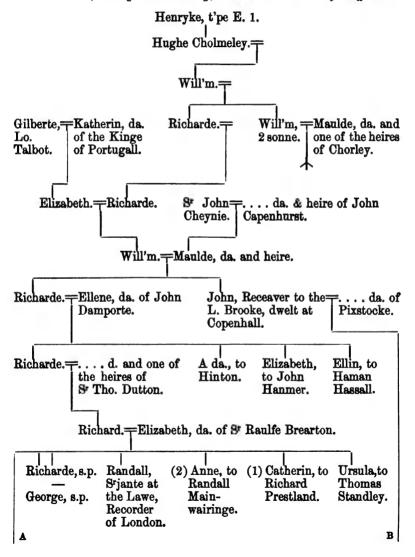
† According to Betham and others, he was son of William, and grandson of Roger Broughton, which Roger is stated to have been third son of Richard Broughton of Broughton by Catherine Aston.

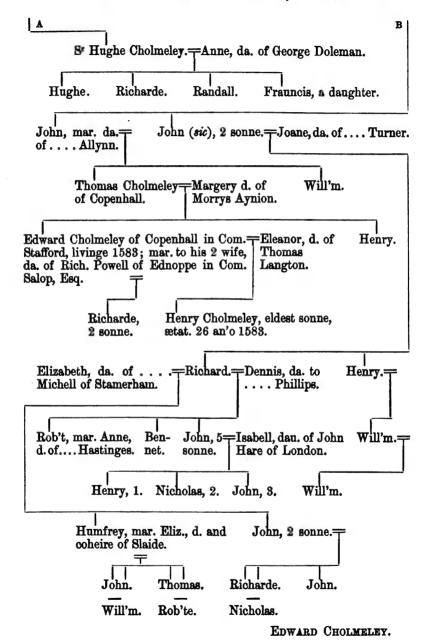


JHON BROUGHTON.

Cholmeley of Copenhall.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Gules, two close helmets in chief argent, and a garb in base or. [CHOLMELEY.] 2. Lozengy argent and azure, a bend or, fretty gules. [CHEYNY.] 3. Argent, three cocks, 2 and 1, sable [CAPENHURST]; in the centre a crescent for difference.





Colpar of Barlaston.

ARMS.—Argent, on a chevron azure between three demi-unicorns courant gules as many acorn slips or.

CREST.—A demi-Moor affront's proper, with rings in his ears or, holding in his dexter hand an oak branch, fructed or.

Arma concessa Rob'to Colyare de Darlaston per l'ras patentes dat' an'o p'imo reg' Eliz', per W. Hervy, tum Clarencieulx Regem Armor'.

(By the side of the crest.) Morus demidiatus asurij colorijs, dextra tenens ramu'clu' querci'um aureu', anulettis, per utrumq' aurem pendentibus, aureis.

Jacobus Colyar de Darleston in Com. Staff., Armiger. Rob'tus Colvar de Darlaston in Agnes, filia Thomæ Venables Com. Staff., Ar., modo superstes de Kinderton in Palantinu' in an'o D'ni 1583. Cestriæ, militis. Christopherus Ric'dus Thurstanus Rob'tus Jacobus Colyar, Colvar. Colvar. primogenitus Colyar, Colvar. 2 filius. 4 filius. filius et hæres, tertius 5 filius. ætat. 23. anº 1583. filing. Elizabetha, filia Margareta, 2 filia. Cecilia, 4 filia. Maria, 6 filia. ætate maxima. nupta Jacobo Isabella, 3 filia. Letecia, 5 filia. Agnes, 7 filia. Skrimshere de Norbery in Com. Staff.

Corbett of Honford.*

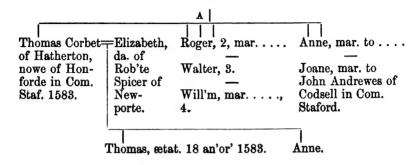
Rob'te Corbette of Hatherton in Com. Cestr.—

Richarde Corbette—Joane, daughter of of Hatherton.

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Crouche.

^{*} ARMS.—Argent, three ravens proper, 2 and 1. (Hatherton MS.)

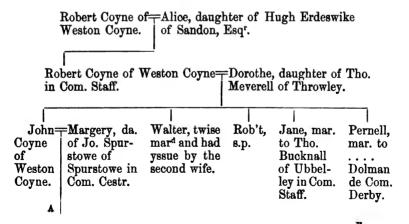


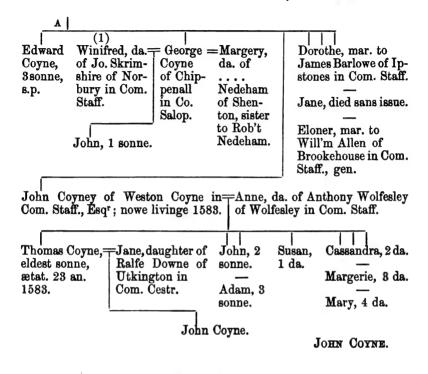
THOMAS CORBETT.

Copney of Weston Copney.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Or, on a bend sable three trefoils slipped argent. [COYNEY.] 2 and 3. Argent, a lion rampant guardant ermines. [BURNELL.]

CREST.—A cubit arm erect, vested sable, slashed or, holding in the hand proper a faulchion argent, embrued gules, hilt and pomel gold.

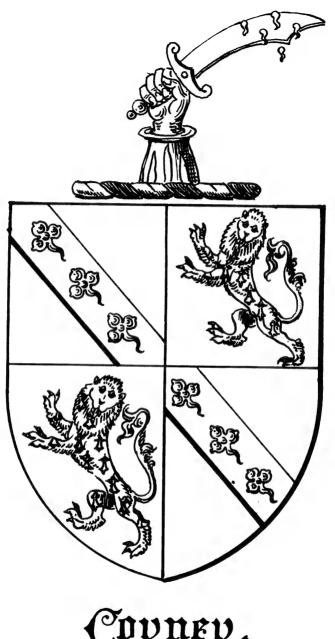




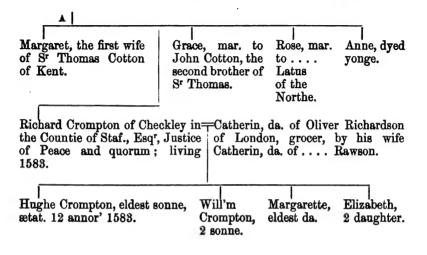
Crompton of Checkley and Stone.

.... Crompton.= Richarde=Elizabeth, da. of Will'm Crompton Catherin, da. of Rawson, widdowe of Richardson of Girlinge of of London, Cromp-Norfolke vel ton of mercer. Suffolke. London. London. mercer. Will'm Crompton,* eldeste sonne, nowe livinge; Thomas. dwellinge in the Abbey at Stone.

^{*} This William Crompton was disclaimed by Glover at Uttoxeter August 8, 1583. According to MS. E. D. N. 13, in Coll. Arm., and Lord Hatherton's MS., the following "Arms and Creaste" were "gevyn to Will^m Crompton, of Stone, in Staffordsh., by Will^m Flower, al's Norrey Kinge of Armes, A* 1588"—Argent, on a chief vert three pheons or. Crest: In a mural crown or, a sea-horse's head argent.

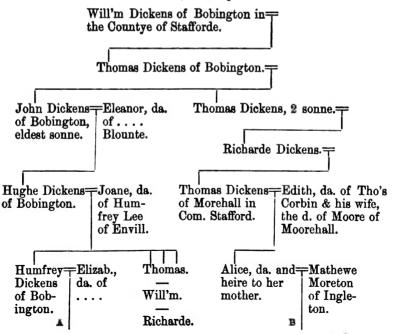


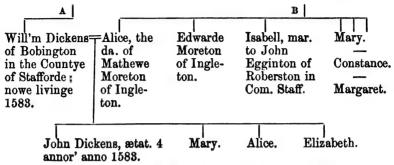
Coyney.



Dickens of Bobington.

ARMS.—Ermine, a cross patonce sable.

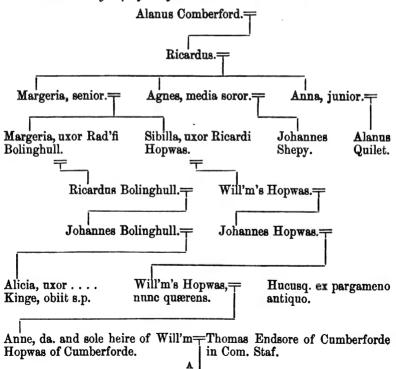


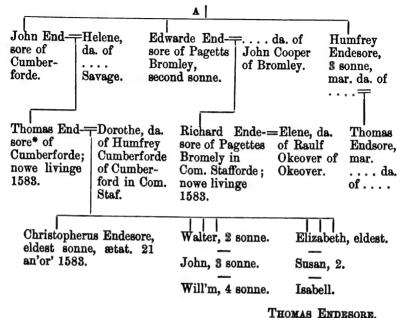


Subscrybed by me RYCHARD WHORWOOD for WYLL'M DYCKYNS.

Endesore of Comberford.

ARMS.—Argent, a fesse gules between three horseshoes sable.





I HUMAS ENDESCRE.

Everard of Whittington.

ARMS.—Gules, on a fesse between three estoiles argent, as many mullets sable.

Richarde Everarde of Shenton—Joyce, da. of
in Com. Leicester.

Rob'te Everarde of—Margarette, da. of
Shenton in Com.
Leicest.; nowe ston of Wiforde livinge 1583.

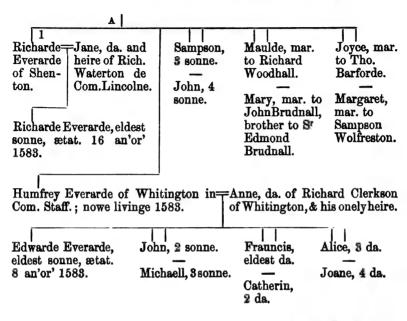
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Richarde Everarde of Shenton—Joyce, da. of
Langham of Gopshill.

Will'm, mar. & Thomas hath yssue.

George, sans yssue.

■ The Harl. MS. 6128 gives another son to Thomas and Dorothy, viz. George Ensor, who, by ".... dau. of Coleman," was father of John Ensor of Wilnecote, Co. Warwick. Shaw (i., 434) has followed this; but it is undoubtedly wrong. George Ensor was a son of John Ensor of Wilnecote, and brother of Barnaby Ensor of the same place. See the "Herald and Genealogist," ii., p. 301, where the identity of George is clearly established.

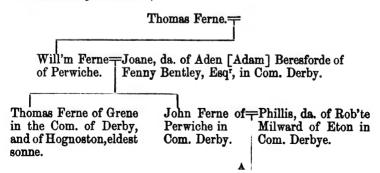


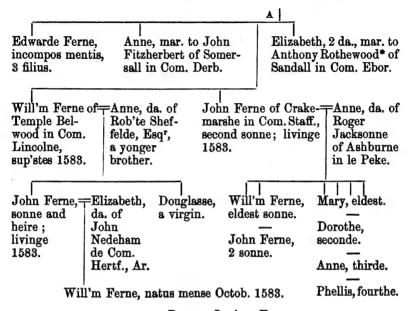
HUMFREY EVERARD.

Ferne of Crakemarshe.

ARMS.—Per bend dancettée or and gules, a crescent for difference.

CREST.—A garb or between two wings gules, feathered gold (or per pale dancettée gules and or).





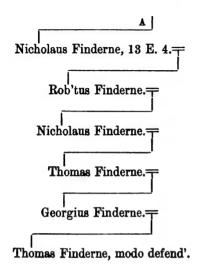
Per me Joh'em Ferne, filium et h'dem Willelmi Ferne.

Kinderne.†

De Com. Staff. t'pe R. 2, vell H. 4. Robertus Finderne, 19 E. 3. Joh'es de Draycotte, ch'l'r. Joh'es de Verdun, ch'l'r. Joh'es Bassett, ch'l'r. Johannes Finderne.= Phillippus de Okeov', ch'l'r. Thomas de Aston, ch'l'r. Thomas de Tommehorne, ch'l'r. Joh'es de Perton, ch'l'r. Johannes Finderne. Joh'es Bagott, ch'l'r. Will'm's de Schershull. Will'm's Wastneys. Rob'tus Finderne Joh'es Herun'ille. Rob'tus Covne.

* This Anthony is called "Whorwood of Sandall" in a pedigree of Ferne, taken from a Visitation of Lincolnshire, printed in the "Genealogist," iv., 22.

† According to the Harl. MS. 1570, Finderne bore Argent, a chevron wavy between three crosses formée fitchée sable.



Will'm's de Kinardesley. Joh'es de Couly. Joh'es de Marnham. Joh'es de Whitemore. Will'm's de Bentley. Rad's Honton. Rogerus de Bould. Joh'es de Pilletenhalle. Joh'es de Frodeshall. Thomas de Hexstall. Thomas Mynners. Ric'us de Ruggeley. Ric'us de Jordan. Rad's Okeov'. Henricus de Somerford. Joh'es Childe de Buckerdon. Will'm's de Stonilowe. Thomas de Eyton.

Fitzherbert of Norburg, etc.

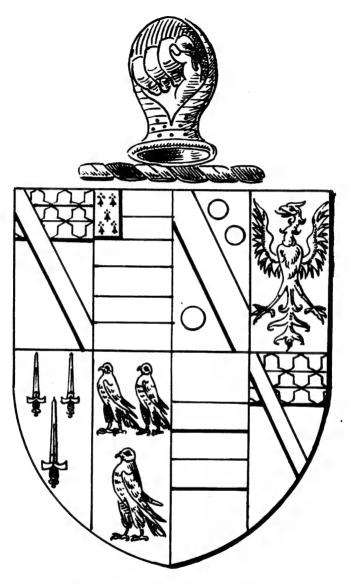
ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 8. Argent, a chief vaire or and gules, over all a bendlet sable. [FITZHERBERT.] 2. Barry of six argent and sable, a canton ermine. [MARSHALL.] 3. Argent, a bend sable between three pellets. [COTTON.] 4. Azure, an eagle displayed argent, armed gules. [RIDWARE.] 5. Gules, three swords erect, 2 and 1, argent, pomels and hilts or. [WALDESHEFF.] 6. Argent, three falcons close gules. [FAWCON.] 7. Azure, two bars argent. [VENABLES.]

CREST.—A cubit arm in armour, the hand appearing clenched within the gauntlet, all proper.

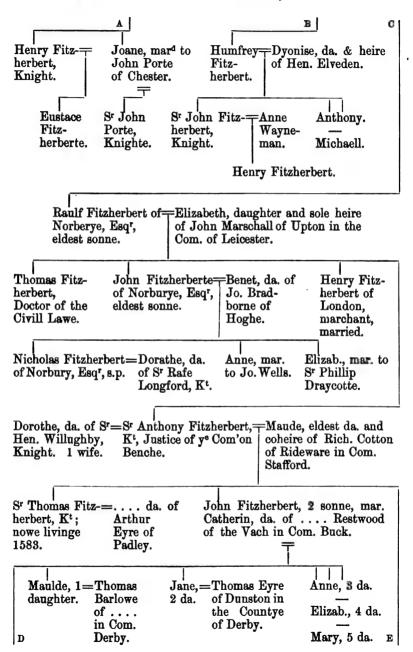
A second shield of the same arms and quarterings, with an escutcheon of pretence: Quarterly—1 and 4. Argent, on a chevron sable three quatrefoils or. [Eyre.] 2 and 3. Or, three horse-barnacles sable. [Padley.]

Alice, daughter of Nicholas Fitzherberte of Isabell, da. of Henry Booth of Norberye in the Countie Ludlowe, of Derby. second wife.

John Fitzherbert of Margery, the Rob't Fitzherbert=Elizabeth, Etwall, second daughter of of Uphall in the da. of Raulfe sonne, the Kinges Rob't Bab-Com. of Herford. Joselyne of remembrancer in ington. Sabrigworth the Exchequer. in Essex. В



Fitzherbert.



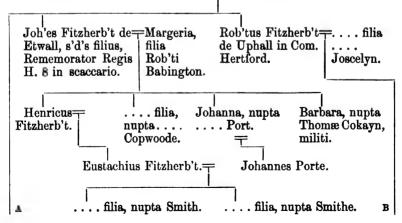
E Thomas Fitzherbert, eldest Nicholas, 2 sonne. George, 4 sonne. sonne, married Elizabeth, da. of Jo. Whestby de Com. Frauncis, 3 sonne. Anthony, 5 sonne. Lanc., de Westby in Com. Ebor., et de Molbroke in Com. Lanc. Richard Fitzherbert, Will'm Fitzherbert, 4 son', mar. Elizab., da. of 3 son', mar. Mary, Humfrey Swinnerton of Swinnerton in Com. da. of Westcott. Staf., & one of the heires. Will'm Fitz-Nicholas. Anne, mar. to Walter Heven-Thomas. ingham of Aston and Pipe in herbert. 2 sonne. 1 sonne. the Com. of Staf. Anthony. THOMAS FITZHERBERT.

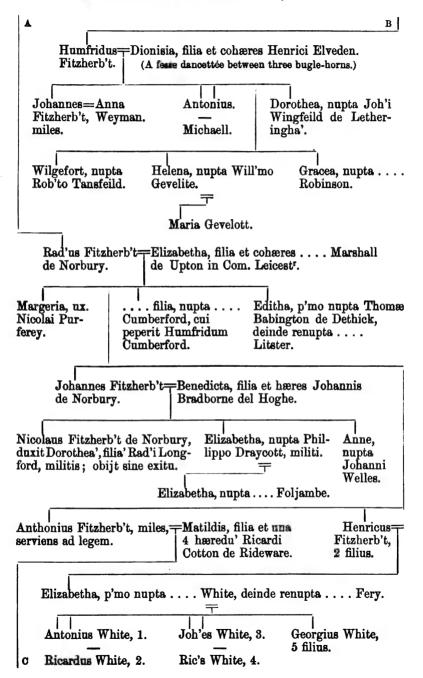
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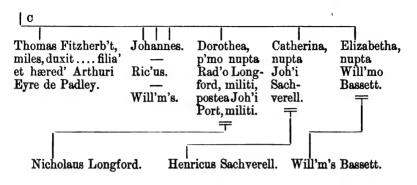
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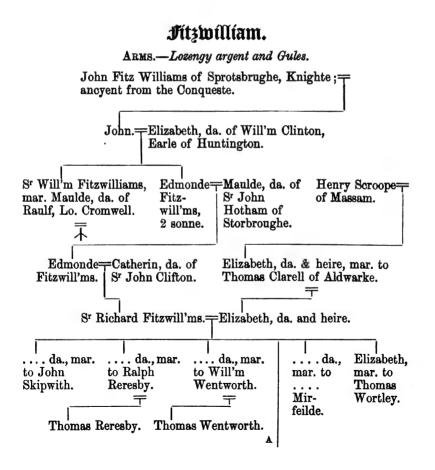
ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Argent, a chief vaire or and gules, over all a bendlet sable. [FITZHERBERT.] 2. Or, on a bend sable three butterflies argent. [SOMERSALL.] 3. Barry of six argent and sable, a canton ermine. [MARSHALL.]

Nicholaus Fitzherb't de Norbury,—Alicia, filia Henrici Boothe sup'stes an'o 30 H. 6. | de Arleston.









A Sr Thomas=Lucy, da. to John Nevill, M'quess of Montacute; Fitzwilliams. after to Anthony Browne. Thomas*=Agnes Paken-=Sr Will'm Will'm Fitz-Elizabeth,† mar. Fitzham. Sydney. will'm, Earle to Sir Will'm will'ms. of South-Gascoigne. ampton.

Foliambe of Crorden.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Sable, a bend between six escallops or. 2. Argent, a bend azure charged with five crosses-crosslet or. 3. Argent, a chevron between three escallops gules; in the centre a crescent gules for difference. The whole within a border engrailed gules.

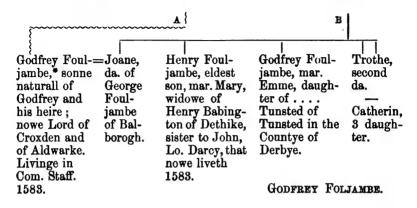
CREST.—A leg couped at the thigh, quarterly or and sable, spurred gold, charged in chief with a fesse indented gules, a crescent of the last

for difference.

Sr Godfreye Fouljambe of Walton—Catherin, the da. of John in the Comt' of Derby, Kt. Leeke of Sutton, Esqr.

Sr James Foul- jambe of Walton, Knighte. Sr Godfrey Fouljambe of Walton, Knight; nowe	=Alice,‡ the da. of Thomas Fitz- will'm of Ald- warke.	Godfrey= Foul- jambe of Crox- den, and of Ald- warke by his wife.	=Margaret,‡ an other da. and coheire of Tho. Fitz- will'm of Aldwarke.	George= Foul- jambe of Bal- borough in Com. Derby, 3 sonne.	Dorothe, da. of Bar- lowe of Barlowe in Com. Derby.
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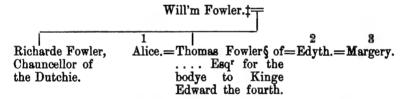
This Thomas Fitzwilliam was slain at Flodden in 1513. He died seised (inter alia) of the manor of Thorpe-Constantine in Staffordshire, and William his son, then aged four, was found by inquisition to be his heir. William died an infant in 7 Henry VIII. (1515), whereupon his two sisters, Alice, the wife of James Foljambe, and Margaret, the wife of Godfrey Foljambe (brother of James), were found to be his next heirs, and of the respective ages of fourteen and twelve. See Shaw, i., 405, + See footnote (*) above.



Fowler of St. Thomas, Pendeford, etc.

ARMS.†-Azure, on a chevron engrailed between three lions passant guardant or as many crosses moline sable.

In Dugdale's MS. in Coll. Arm., and also in Harl. MS. 6128, a Crest is given, viz. A cubit arm, holding an open book of music.



 His mother was named Brownlow, and at one period he was known as "Foljambe alias Brownlow." See an elaborate pedigree of Foljambe in "Coll. Top. et Gen.," vols. i. and ii.

† These arms were probably granted since 1528, for in that year died Sir Richard Fowler of Rycote, son and heir of Richard Fowler, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and the arms on his monument in Trinity Church, London, were Argent, three wolf's heads erased gules, within a bordure azure charged with castles, or chess-rooks, or (being the coat of Rycote, alias Vis-de-lou, of Rycote), quartering Barton, Englefield, and Gernon. The same coat, with a crescent for difference, is on the monumental brass of Sir Richard's uncle, Thomas Fowler, in the chapel of Christ's

College, Cambridge.

‡ William Fowler married Cecilia, daughter and heiress of Nicholas Englefield
by Johanna Rycote, his wife, heiress of the family and estate of Rycote.

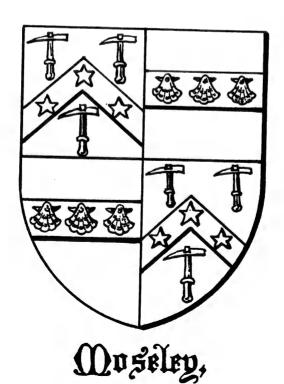
§ Thomas Fowler's first wife is called Mary or Margery, daughter of Edward
Lee or Lester, or of Coleville. His second wife was Alice, widow of John
Hulcote of Hulcote, Northamptonshire, and daughter and heiress of John Houghton

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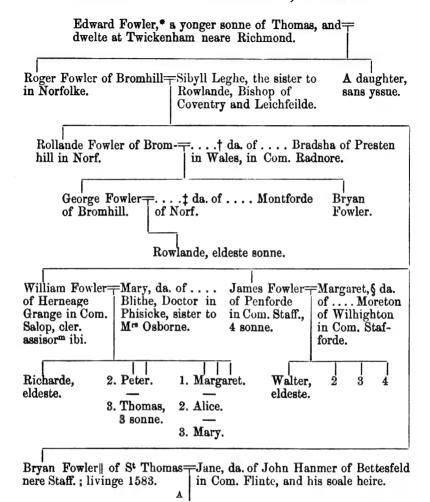
His third wife who survived him was Edith Dynham. of Ellesborough, Bucks. His third wife, who survived him, was Edith Dynham, sister (it is presumed) of John, Lord Dynham, and her arms (*Dynham* quartering Arches) are on the brass above named. He appears to have had three sons, Thomas, Edward, and William.



Fowler,



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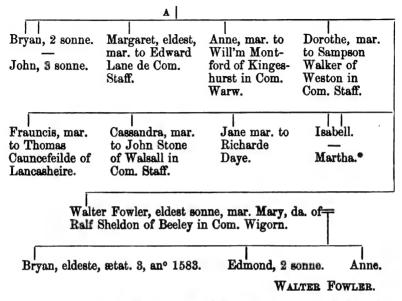


This Edward is probably not joined on to the former pedigree because it was doubtful whether he was son of Thomas Fowler the younger; for in many of the pedigrees he is so placed, and then an erasure has been made, leaving him son of Thomas the elder. The latter is doubtless correct, for Thomas the younger appears Thomas the elder. The latter is doubtless correct, for Thomas the younger appears to have had female issue only, one of whom, Margery, is stated to have married William Symons of "Bodill" in Cornwall. In one pedigree the wife of Edward Fowler is called Margaret Colwich, and a family of that name lived at Richmond and Isleworth. See their pedigree in "The Visitation of Yorkshire, 1563," edited by Mr. Norcliffe for the Harleian Society, p. 63.

† Margaret, daughter of Orbert Mandagard of Frederich.

[‡] Bridget, daughter of Osbert Mundeford of Feitwell.

Should be Catherine, daughter of Robert Moreton of Haughton, co. Salop. Buried with his wife in the chancel of Baswich Church, where their (mutilated) tomb still remains.



*** I am indebted to W. F. CARTER, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, for the notes to this pedigree.

Giffard of Chillington.

(I.)

ARMS.—Azure, three stirrups with leathers or.

CREST.—A panther's head couped affrontée or, spotted gules and azure, flames issuant from the mouth proper.

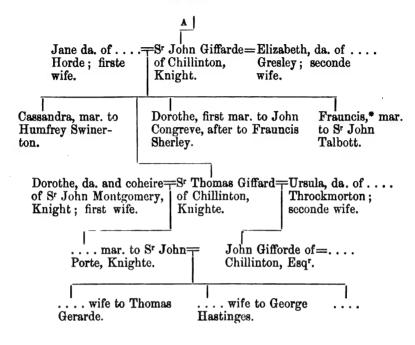
Thomas Gyffard of Chillinton—Joyce, da. of [Sir in Com. Staff., Esqr. Robert] Frauncis.

Rob'te Giffarde of—Cassandra,† da. of Chillinton, Esqr. Humfreston.

* The second wife of Thomas Skrimshire of Aquilate.

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[†] The Hatherton and other MSS. call this lady "Cassandra, da. of John Knightley of Fawsley;" but the following copy of an inscription formerly in Brewood Church (printed in the late Mr. Hicks-Smith's "Brewood") is decisive—" Hic jacet Domina Cassandra, filia Thomse Humferston, Armigeri, et uxor Roberti



Giffard of Chillington.+

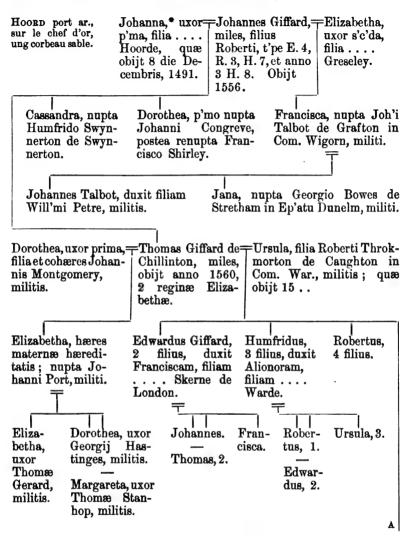
(II.)

CREST.—"Une teste de Panthaire d'or, heurtée, tortée, la langue de gueules, assise sur une torse d'argent et de asure. Donné et assigné au John Gyfford de Chelyngton en la Counté de Stafford Escuyer, par Thomas Wryothesley Jarretière et John Yonge Norrey, Roys d'Armes, le 28 jour de May, l'an de Grace 1513, et du reigne le Roy Henry Chrytiesme, cinquiesme."

Giffard, Armigeri, ac domini de Chillington, ac postea uxor Johannis Brodoke, Armigeri, quæ Cassandra obiit die mensis Januarii Anno Dom. 1537, cujus anima propitietur Deus." Notwithstanding this, the great pedigree of Knizhtley printed in Dr. Howard's "Miscellanea," i., 97, gives to John Knightley of Fawsley a daughter "Cassandra uxor Johanni Langtree, Armigero; renupta Johanni Giffard de Chillington in Com. Staff."

• "Shee was by the dau. of Greseley." (Hatherton MS.)

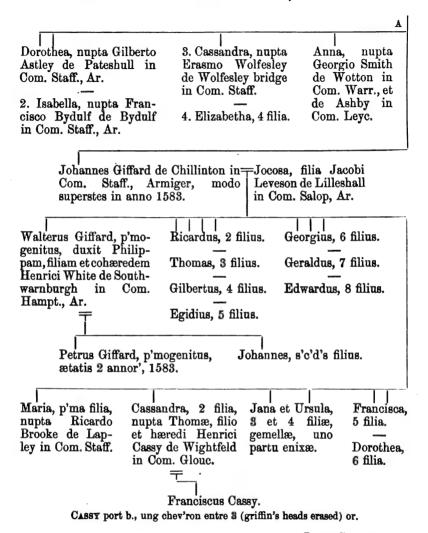
† This second pedigree of Giffard has been inserted in the Stukeley MS. by Mr. Thorpe from the presumed original in the library of Queen's College, Oxford. It should be mentioned, however, that the last-named MS. contains both pedigrees. It is not improbable that John Giffard failed to appear in person at the place and day named by Glover for holding his court for the hundred of Cudleston, and that, in his absence, Glover, unwilling to omit all notice of so influential a family, entered so much of the pedigree as he could discover from—it may be—the Squire's steward or



attorney, and from previous entries in the College books. John Giffard and his brother Humphrey were both duly summoned, as will be seen on reference to the "Nomina Nobilium" (ante, p. 4), and the absence from that list of the word appeared or entred seems to support my view. However it may be, we have in the pedigree before us ample evidence of the fact that John Giffard did sometime appear and "do right to posterity" by recording his armorial honours and—a portion of—his ancient pedigree.

* It appears from a pedigree of *Hoord* in the "Topographer and Genealogist" (i., 34) that she was one of the daughters of *Thomas* Hoord of Bridgnorth (who died 11 June, 1488) by Joyce, daughter and coheiress of Sir John Stapleton of Staple-

ton, Knt.



JOHN GIFFARD.

Grant of a Standard to Sir John Giffard, Ant.

[This accompanies the second Pedigree of Giffard in "the original Glover" (so styled by Thorpe), and has been copied into the Stukeley MS. Through the courtesy of Somerset Herald I am enabled here to

annex a drawing of the Standard* from a contemporary MS. in the College of Arms. This MS. contains beautifully executed drawings of the Standards borne in the field by Peers and Knights in the reign of Henry VIII., and has been fully described in Bentley's "Excerpta Historica." Though I lay myself open to the charge of 'using vain repetitions,' I venture to append the following description of the Standard from that Work (p. 331):—"Four stripes or and azure, A on a wreath argent and sable, a demi-archer, looking towards the sinister, couped at the knees, in armour proper; from his middle a short coat paly argent and gules, at his left side a sword, and at his right a quiver of arrows or, in his hands a bow and arrow drawn to the head of the last; between in the dexter chief and sinister base, two representations of the following Crest, viz., On a wreath argent and azure, a leopard's head guardant erased† or, spotted azure and gules, vomiting flames of the last. In B two, and in C three leopard's heads as in A. Motto.—

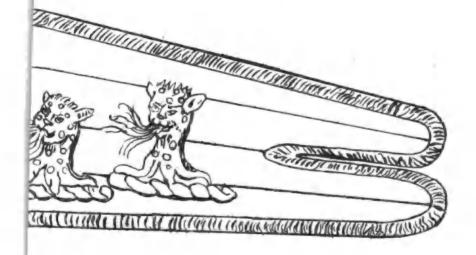
* Preigns alaine tires fort."

A tous presens et a adbenir, &c. Thomas Wryothesley, Jarretière, et Thomas Benold, Clarencieulx, Roys des Armes, Salut. Equité veult, &c. comme ainsy soit que Messire John Gyfford de Chelyngton en la counté de Stafforde par deça la Rivière de Trent, Chevalier, soyt descendu de noble lignée, et aussi longuement ait contynué en noblesse portant armes; néantmoins icel luy incertain en quelle manière ses prédécesseurs portoient leurs devises et cognoyssances en leurs estandartz et guydhomes, non voulant préjudicier à nulluy, à nous lesditz Roys d'Armes a requiz de luy ordonner, deviser, et assigner ung estandart convenable. Et pour ce nous, consydérans sa requeste estre juste et raisonable, &c., nous avons devisé, ordonné, et assigné audit Messire John Gyfford, pour luy ensemble et pour la postérité dudit Messire John, avecques leurs différences, l'estandart en la manière qui s'ensuit; c'est à savoir, à ung demy Archier d'home d'armes, armé d'asur, tirant son arc, la flesche, la corde de l'arc, la trouse des flesches, le pomeau et la croix de son espée, d'or; son sayon de gueules et d'argent palé de six pièces, assis sur une torse d'argent et de sable; si come la picture en la marge cydevant le demonstre. A avoir et tenir, &c. Donné à Londres le 12 jour de Juillet l'an de n're Sr Jesu Christ 1523, et l'an du regne le Roy Henry Chrystiesme 15.

^{*} From the same source I have obtained a tracing of another Giffard Standard,

[†] In the Visitation the panther's head is represented couped, and it is so given in Dugdale's Visitation, 1663. At this last-named Visitation two crests are recorded, first the archer, second the panther's head,—the former apparently taking aim at the latter. Of course there is a "legend" attached to these crests, which the curious may read in Burke's "Anecdotes of the Aristocracy."

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Gresley of Brakelow and Colton.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Vaire ermine and gules. [GRESLEY.] 2 and 3. Sable, a lion rampant argent, collared gules. [WAS-TENEYS.] CREST.—A lion statant ermine, collared gules. (A second crest is given in some MSS., viz., A lion's head couped argent, collared gules.) Sr John Greisley, sonne Margery, da. of of Sr Thom. Sr Tho. Clarell. Sr John Gresley, Anne, daughter of Sr Thomas Stanley of Elford. Knight. Sr Thomas Gresley, Anne, daughter of Sr Thomas Ferrers of Tamworth. Knight. Sr Wyll'm=Benet, da. of Sr Hen. Vernon 2. John. a 4. Robert. Gresley, of Hadon, K., in the Peke; preist. 5. James. Knight. sans yssue. 3 Marga., da. of John Mulsho of Sr George Catherine, d. of Fenton in Northamp'sh., Arg. | Gresley, K. | Edw. Lo. Dudley. Sr Wyll'm Greisley, Catherin, Edw., Catherin. Elizabeth. mard to Knight, Lo. of Castle da. of 2 sonne. mard to Edw. Win-Sr Edw. Charles Gresley, & of Colton. ter de Com. Thomas, Somersett. Aston, Leicest. Knight. 3 sonne. Tho: Gresley—Catherin, da. of Elizabeth, 3 da., Steven. Jane, of Draklowe Sr Tho. Walsing-2 sonne. 1 da. sans vssue. ham of Skadbury in Com. Derby. in Com. Kent, K., Hastinges. Mar., Grace, 4 da. superstes 1583. 8 sonne. 2 da. Will'm Henry Gresley, George Gresley, Katherin, 1 da. Gresley. 2 sonne. eldest sonne. ætat. 4 annor' fourth Katherin (sic), John Gresley, 2 da. 1583. sonne.

3 sonne.

THO. GRESLEY.

Gresley and Gastneys.

EX VALDE VETERI SCRIPTO IN PARGAMENO.

Ces sont partes d'auncestres Monst Thomas de Greseley.

Mons' Will'm fitz de Nigell de Greseley.

Mons' Rob't de Greseley et sa femme Basille. Mons' Will'm de Greseley et Basille sa femme.

Mons' Geffrey de Greseley et Marjory sa femme, fille à Matild. Somerville dame de Cosington, et Julian sa autre femme de Leic.

Mons^r Will'm de Greseley et Elizabeth sa femme, fille à John Bakepuz S^r de Barton Bakepuz.

Mons' Geffrey de Greseley et Agnes sa femme.

Mons' Peris (sic) de Greseley et Johane sa femme, fille à Mons' Rob't de Stafford S' de Eginton et Moginton, Com. Derby.

Mons' Geffrey de Greseley et Margarite sa fem'e, fille à John Gernon S' de Laminton près Oxenford.

19 E. 3. Mons^r John de Greseley et Alice sa fem'e, fille à Mons^r Roger de Swinnerton.

Mons^r Nichole de Greseley et Thomasine sa fem'e, fille et heire à Mons^r Thomas Gastneys S^r de Colton.

Mons' Thomas de Greisley et Margerite sa fem'e, fille à Mons' Thomas Walse S' d'Onlep en co. Leic.

Ces font parties d'auncesters dame Thomasine de Gastneys.

Mons' Hardolph Gastneys et Ravenild et Betreh ses deux fem'es.

Mons' Rob't Gastneys et sa fem'e.

Mons' Phillip Gastneys et sa fem'e Amphelisia.

Mons' Will'm Gastneys et Margaret sa femme.

Mons' Will'm Gastneys et sa femme.

Mons' Will'm Gastneys et Constaunce sa fem'e.

Mons' John Gastneys et Isabelle sa fem'e, fille à Mons' German Hay de Com. de Werw. (?)

Mons' Will'm Gastneys et Johanne sa femme, fille & Mons' John Brett de Norff.

Mons' Thomas Gastneys et Johanne sa femme, fille à John Toly de Wymondham.

Dame Thomasine, fille et hæres à dict' Mons' Thomas Gastneys, et Dame de Colton mariée à Mons' Nich' de Greseley.

Greseleiorum Stemma antiquissimum.

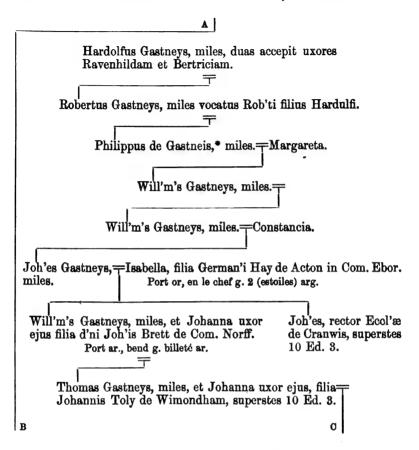
Nigillus pater istius Will', t'pe Will' Conquestoris, tenuit maneria de Thorp, Kingesley, et Morton, in Com. Stafford, ut aparuit in libro vocato Domesday, composito ano 20 regni regis Will. prædic. et in Scacario D'næ Reginæ adhuc sum'a cura reposito.

> Will'm's filius Nigelli de Greiseley qui fundavit monasteriu' de Greseley in Com. Derby, in honorem S'c'i Georgii; uxor ejus Elena.

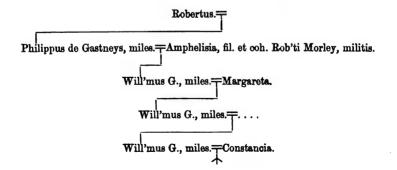
Henricus de Greseley, Rob'tus de Greseley, Basilia. t'pe Will'm's Com. de miles, t'pe W. Com. Ferrariis. de Ferr'. Will'm's de Greseley, miles.—Basilia. Margeria, filia Matildis de Somerville, —Galfridus de —Juliana, uxor D'na de Cosington. Greseley, s'c'da, de Com. Port b., three (eagles displayed), semé miles D'n's Leycestr. (of cross-crosslets) or. de Mortona. Will'm's de Greseley, = Elizabetha, filia Joh'is Bakepuze, D'ni de Barton. miles. BAKEPUZE port g., 2 barres arg., 3 (horse-shoes) or en le chef. Galfridus de Greseley, miles.—Agnes. Petrus de Greseley, Johanna, filia D'ni Rob'ti Stafford, D'ni de Eginmiles. ton et Meginton in Com. Derby. Port or, cheveron g. entre 3 (martlets) sa. Galfridus de Greseley, Margareta, uxor ejus, filia Joh'is Gernon, militis, D'ni de Lanington juxta Oxoniam. Arg. Port g., 3 pales undé argent. Johanna, uxor s'c'da, = Johannes de = Alicia, filia Rogeri Swinnerton. sup. simul cum Greseley, militis, D'ni de Swinnerton. marito an'o 50 Ed. 3. miles.

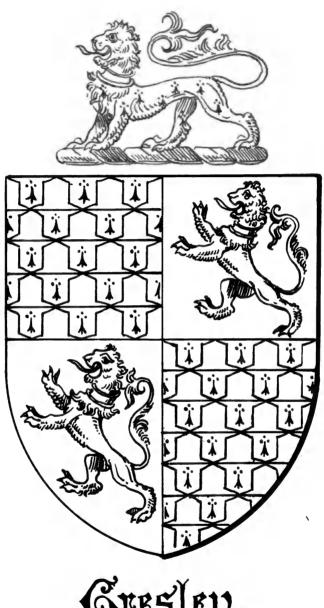
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Port ar., un croix pate formé floré

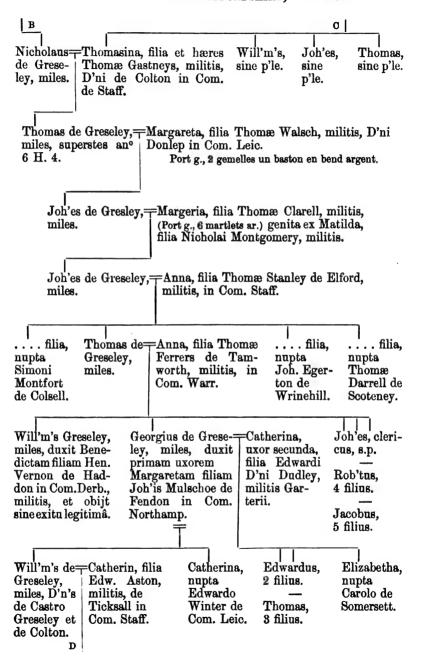


This does not agree with the parchment roll, and is probably an error of the copyist, for Lord Hatherton's MS. gives the descent thus:—





Gresley.



D Thomas de Greseley, = Catherina, filia Simon. Jana. Elizab., 3. Ar., D'n's de Castle Tho. Walsing-2 filius. 1 filia. Greseley, Colton, et ham de Skad-Gracea, 4. bury in Com. Hastin-Maria, 2. Drakelowe, modo Kantiæ, militis. sup'stes ano D'ni gus. 3 filius. 1583. Georgius, 2 filius. Catherina, 1 filia. Henricus de Greseley, primogenitus, ætatis Catherina, 2 filia. 4 annorum ano 1583. Joh'es, 3 filius. Will'm's, 4 filius.

Grosvenor of Bushbury.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Azure, a garb or between three bezants, two in fesse and one in base. [Grosvenor.] 2. Argent, a bend sable between three mullets gules. [CLAYTON.] 8. Argent, on a fesse cottised sable three escallops of the field. [Bushbury.]

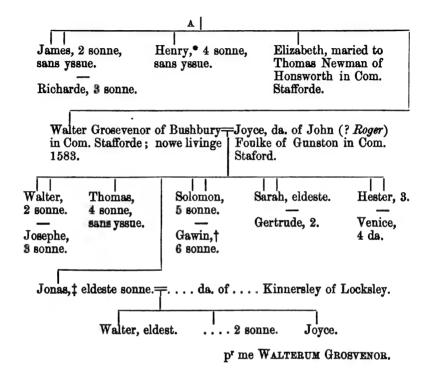
Humfrey Grosevenour, a yonger brother* -... † da. and heire of of the familie of Grosevenour of Eton in | Clerke of Typton in Com. Com. Cestr. Stafforde.

John Grosevenour of Bushbury—Rose, da. of John Clayton, by his wife in the Countye of Stafford, Esq^r, the da. and heire of Richarde Bushbury, and heire to them bothe. Justice of the peace & quorum.

It is clear from the researches of the late well-known genealogist, Mr. Joseph Morris of Shrewsbury, that the Grosvenors of Bushbury were not, as here and elsewhere stated, a junior branch of the Grosvenors of Eaton. Humphrey Grosvenor, where stated, a junior branch of the Grosvenors of Eaton. Humphrey Grosvenor, who heads this pedigree, was of Farncote, Co. Salop, the son of William Grosvenor, or Gravenor, of Broughton, in the parish of Claverley, and the descendant of a family which derived its name from a place called *Gravenor* in the same parish. A complete pedigree from Mr. Morris's MSS. will be found in the "Herald and Genealogist," iv., 481, and v., 33.

† According to the Visitation of Warwickshire in 1619 this lady was "Jocosa filia et coh. Joh'is Welles, al's Clarke, de Tibbington in Com. Staff." See also Harl.

MS. 6128, fo. 25b. Her sister Joan married Thomas Dudley of Tipton.



Harcourt of Elenhall.

ARMS.—Gules, two bars or. CREST.—In a ducal coronet or a peacock proper. Motto.—Le bon temps viendra.

Agnes, filia =Symon Harecourt de Staunton = uxor s'c'da, Darrell de Scote- Harecourt in Com. Ox., miles. relicta York, ney, uxor prima. militis.

* Married Alice, dau. of Bobert Whitgreave of Burton, Esq., and died s.p. (Hatherton MS., and Vis. Warw., 1619.)

† He was of Sutton Coldfield, and recorded a long pedigree at the Visitation of

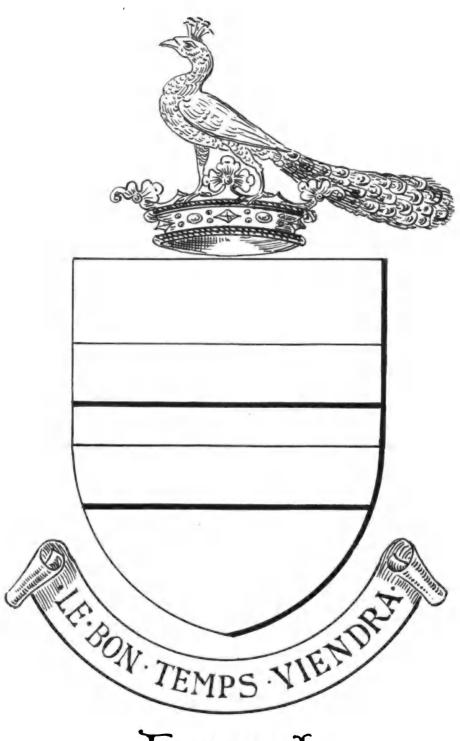
Warwickshire taken in 1619, being then aged 53.

† The wife and issue of Jonas Grosvenor have evidently been inserted since 1583, for at the next Visitation of this County (taken in 1614) Jonas appeared and recorded his descent, stating his wife to be Elizabeth, daughter of Humphrey Cotton of Bold Hall, and his son by her (Walter) to be then aged 30. According to the

A
Joh'es Hare-—Margareta, filia, et tandem court de cohæres, Will'm Barantine de Com. Oxon, militis, soro-rem Francisci Barentine. Edmundus * filia nupta * Cottesmore
Gracea, filia Humfridi—Simon Harccourt de Staun—Maria, filia Fitzherberti de Upsall in Com. Hertf., relicta Will. Robinson de Drayton Basset, 2 uxor. Wilcoforte, filia punta.
Wilgeforta, filia, nupta. 1 2 3 Jana, filia ætate maxima, Elizabetha, nupta Ric'o Maria, nupta Joh'i Grey de Envild Chamberleyn de Astley in Com. Staff., Ar. in Com. War.
1. Walterus Harecourt—Dorothea, filia de Staunton in Com. Oxon, et de Elenhall in Com. Staff., Armiger, modo superstes 1583. Dorothea, filia 2. Joh'es Harecourte. Will'mi Robin— Rob'tus, 3, s.p. 4. Edwardus Harecourt. Will'm's, 5.
Rob'tus Harecourt, Michaell Jana, prima filia. Gracea, 3 filia, primogenitus, ætat. Harecourt, — mortua in 9 annorum 1583. 2 filius. Elizabetha, 2 filia. teneris an'is.
Rob'tus Harecourt, duxit Elizabetham, relictamRobins, civis et mercatoris, London. 3

Kinnersley pedigree in the Warwickshire Visitation of 1619, Anne, daughter of Thomas Kinnersley of Loxley, was the wife of Humphrey Cotton of Bold, and therefore, it would appear, mother of the wife of Jonas Grosvenor.

* Florence, ux. Sir William Cotesmore. (Lord Hatherton's MS.)



Harrourk.

В Margaret, quæ Anna, nupta Knivet* Catherina, nupta obiit virgo. de Ashwellthorpe, postea Joh'i Herle de Bowier, custodi Re-Sta'nton in Com. Ursula, nupta cordor. Oxon. Guisnes de in Johanna, nupta Clark. Winefreda, nupta Com. Sussex. Antonio Greneway. W. HARECOURT.

Complementum Armoriale Walteri Parecourt de Glenhale in Com. Stafford, Armigeri.

- 1. HARECOURT.—Gules, two bars or.
- 2. CAMVILLE.—Azure, three lions passant in pale argent.
- 3. Noell.—Or, fretty gules, a canton argent.
- Schareshull.—Barry nebulée of six argent and gules, within a border sable bezantée.
- 5. SAINTCLERE.—Azure, the sun in its glory or.
- 6. STAPLETON.—Argent, a lion rampant sable, charged on the shoulder with an annulet or.
- 7. BELLEWE.—Sable, fretty or.
- 8. Brus.—Argent, a lion rampant azure.
- 9. FITZALANE.—Barry of eight or and gules.
- 10. Ingham.—Per pale or and vert, a cross moline counterchanged.
- 11. La Zouche.—Gules, a chevron argent between ten bezants, six above and four below.
- 12. DE LA POLE.—Azure, on a fesse argent between three leopard's faces or, an annulet sable.
- 13. HASTANGE.—Azure, a chief gules, over all a lion rampant double-tailed argent.
- 14. BARANTINE.—Sable, three eagles displayed argent.
- 15. Drayton.—Azure, a bend between six crosses crosslet fitchée or.
- 16. POPHAM.—Argent, on a chief gules two buck's heads cabossed or.
- 17. Malines.—Ermine, on a fesse gules three billets or.
- 18. Reade.—Gules, on a bend wavy argent three ducks sable, beaked and legged or.
- Alphegh.—Argent, a fesse between three boar's heads couped close sable.
- Pettit.—Argent, a chevron engrailed gules between three buglehorns stringed sable.

Post insignia Noeli ponerentur arma Beeke de Eresby; sed quære attentius.

• John Knivet. (Lord Hatherton's MS.)

In Lord Hatherton's MS. is this note:-

"D'n's Romicius (or as some books hath Gervasius) Earle of Harcourt in Normandy, & his too brothers Geoffrey and Fulke, came in wth the Conqueror & assisted him in the warres against Herauld. After that the Duke of Normandy had won the Victory, the sayde Earle and his 2^d brother Geoffrey returned back agayne in to Normandy, but Foulke remayned."

Harcourt and Astley.

Will'm's Harecourt, miles, cui quidam Thomas—Johanna, Harecourt, miles, dedit M. de Ellenhalle sibi uxor ejus. et hæredibus masculis an'o 4 E. 3.

Thomas Harecourt, miles.

Thomas Harccourt, miles, obiit seisitus de M. de Elenhalle 6 die Julij anno 8 H. 5.

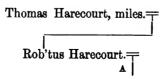
Rob'tus Harecourt, ætat. 10 annor' an'o 8 H. 5.

Thomas de Astley, junior,—Elizabetha, filia et hæres . . . t'pe R. 2, an'o 1 R. 2. Harecourt, an'o 1 R. 2.

Thomas Astley, Armiger, sup'stes an'o 8 H. 6.

Harcourt of Kanton, etc.

ARMS.—Gules, two bars or, on the upper bar a mullet sable.



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Rob'tus,
                Aleonora Leuknell-Ricardus Hare-Editha, ux. p'ma,
                (sic, but should be | court, miles.
sans . . . .
                                                      filia et hæres
 masculo.
                Lewknor).
                                                      Thomas St. Clere.
                                         Elizabetha, nupta
      . . filia, nupta
                      .... filia, nupta
                                                            Christo-
                      .... Lane de
          Swinerton
                                         Hugoni Erdeswike
                                                             pherus
   de Swin'ton.
                      Com. Staff.
                                        de Sandon.
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                                                            court.
                      .... filia, nupta
   .... filia, nupta
                                        .... filia, nupta
    ... Wrotesley.
                      . . . . Ludford.
                                        .... Bohe.
   Simon Harecourt, miles, maritus filiæ . . . . Darrell de Scotney.
                               Joh'es.=
                              Symon.
                         Walterus, nunc, 1583.
Thomas Harecourt de Ranton. -... filia Hugonis Eggerton de Wrinehill.
                Johannes Hare--...filia Rad.
                                                  Ricardus .... filia
. . . . filia,
                court de Ranton
nupta Johanni
                                  Breareton de
                                                 Harecourt
Peishall.
                Hall in Com.
                                                 de Church
                                  Malpas.
                                                             Brodoke.
                Staf.
                                                 Eaton.
  Thomas,
                 Walterus Harecourt, sup'stes 1583, de Tamworth,
                uxor ejus filia . . . . Cumberford.
  s.p.
                                                  Edwardus.
                                    4. Antonius.
                     3. Ricardus,
                                                  5. Will'm's, duxit
2. Symon, duxit=
                                                  . . . . filia' et
                     duxit ....
                                   duxit ....
.... filiam ....
                                                  hærede'...
Cave.
                     filiam ....
                     Clyve de
                                                  Leftwiche
                                                  Wimoneham in
Elizabetha, nupta
                     Huxlegh.
                                                  Com. Cestr.
.... Ludford.
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В 2.... filia, nupta 3.... filia, nupta 1.... filia, nupta Broughton Grey de Ruggeley de Longdon. de Longdon. Donington Parke. Rob'tus Harecourt de Ranton hall, = filia Scryvin, s.p. genuit hos spurios sequentes. Joh'es Hare--Margaretam, Rob'te Harecourt Margareta', court de Ranfilia' Anthonii de Bornighall in filiam Gibston de Com. Staff., ton hall. Collyns de sup'stes 1583. Ridgley in sup'stes 1583. Lees in Com. Com. Staf. Staf. Humfridus Hare-Thomas Rob'te. Catherina. court, p'genitus, Hareætat. 16 an'or' Elizabetha. court. Dorothea. 1583. Margareta. Margareta. Anthonius Anna, nupta Maria. Isabella, nupta Elizabetha. Barnabe Harecourt. Benedicto nupta nupta Antonio Wilson de Thomæ Clarke de Sevstons de Wolkscroft Edwardus Collins. Wollaston Walton in Harecourt. in Com. Staff. in Com. Com. Leicestr. Leic. Margareta. Dorothea.

This pedigree should be carefully compared with that printed in vol. ii. of "Collections" (part ii., p. 70), and with Mr. Bridgeman's remarks in vol. i., p. 382. According to Lord Hatherton's and other MSS., Thomas Harcourt of Ranton, who married Hugh Egerton's daughter, was the son of John Harcourt by Margaret, daughter of William Bracy of Pembridge, co. Hereford, which John was son of Sir Richard by his second wife, Eleanor Lewknor. In Lord Hatherton's MS., and in the Harl. MSS. 1077, 1167, etc., a more full and complete account of the Harcourt family is given; but as all these pedigrees require revision in their earlier descents, I have thought it best to simply reproduce the genealogy as it is given in the Stukeley MS., which I take to be the descent noted by Glover when he visited the county.

The pedigree, as given in the MSS. above referred to, commences with Sir William Harcourt, who married Alice, "ladie of Ellenhall," living 11th John, daughter and coheiress of Thomas Noel of Ellenhall and Ronton by Margaret his wife, sister of Guy L'Estrange. By the lady of Ellenhall Sir William had issue Sir Richard, his son and heir, lord of Stanton and Ellenhall, who married "Orabell, sister of Robert Quincy, E. of Winchester." The editor of the fifth edition of Collins's "Peerage" (1779, vol. v., p. 264), sub "Harcourt," refers to "The Visitation of Staffordshire, anno 1583," as asserting that the above Sir Richard married Orabella, daughter of Robert de Quincy. This is an example of the loose way in which genealogical writers refer to Visitations. No doubt what this writer quotes is one of the numerous so-called copies of this Visitation existing in some public or private library, which may or may not be reliable; but to cite it as "the" Visitation is misleading.

Hawkes of Rushall.

Will'm Hawkes of—Elizabeth, daughter and heire Kyderminster in of Richard Reignoldes of Newton in Com. Staff.

Thomas Hawkes of Johane, daughter of Richard Walker Kyderminster, and after of Rushall in Com. Staff. by Catherine his wyf, daughter and one of the heires of Thomas Harpur of Dorlaston.

Richard=Mary, daughter John Anne, mar. Catherine, first Hawkes of Roger Ban-Hawkes. to Thomas mar. to.... Harof Rusward, after to ester of Clare-2 sonne. Carter, stuhall in brough in Com. Nicholas Snow dent in the Com. Nott., and his of Richmond. Temple. Staff.; heire. lyving

Hillary, eldest sonne, ætatis 28, anno 1583.

1583.

RYC. HAWKS.

In Dugdale's copy of this Visitation, and also in the Harl. MS. 6128, this family is called *Hawkens*, and the arms ascribed to them are those of "Edge *alias* Hawkins" of Shropshire, viz., Argent, a hawk proper, standing on a staff ragulée couped vert.

Bill of Little Pipe.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Azure, a chevron between three fleurs-delis or, a canton of the last. [HILL.] 2 and 3. Argent, two bars gules, each charged with three bezants, in chief a crescent azure. [? MARTYN.]

CREST.—A lion rampant argent, pierced through the breast with a spear, in bend proper, headed gules.

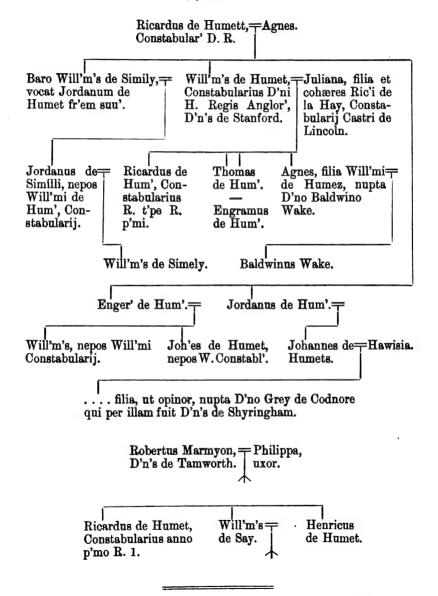
[According to Lord Hatherton's MS., "This Armes was confyrmed, and the Creaste gevyn by patent under the hande and seale of Garter (Dethick) to John Hill, al's Hull, of Lyttell Pype, in Stafforre, ano 1560."]

Nicholas Hull, otherwise called Hill. of Litle Pipe in the Countie of Staf. John Hyll* of Litle Pipe, to whome=Isabell, da. of John Ellis of Garter graunted these armes. Kydall in Com. Ebor. Hughe Hull, al's Hill,—Constance, da. of Ogleof Litle Pipe in Com. | thorpe of Oglethorpe in Com. Staff.; livinge 1583. Ebor. John Hill, eldest=Dorothe, da. of Rob'te Elizabeth. sonne, ætat. 32 | Fitzherberte of Tisanno 1583. 3. Richarde. sington. Isabell. 4. Frauncis. Joane. Edwarde, eldest sonne. . . 2 sonne.

HEUGH HILL.

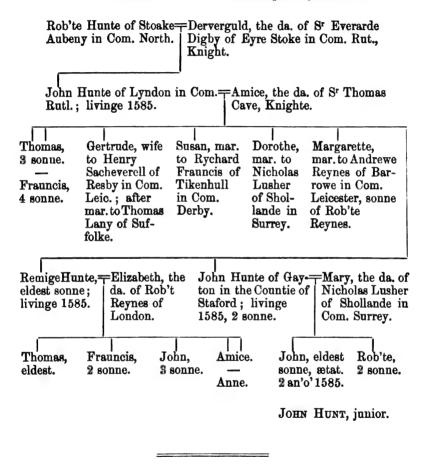
It appears from a monumental inscription formerly in Lichfield Cathedral, a copy of which is given by Shaw (i., 355), that this John Hill died 4 March 1573, aged 78, and that he was twice married—first to "Elizabeth da. of Thomas Ellys of Yorkshire, esquier, which deceased in April 1559, and had now issue," and secondly to Jane, daughter of John Francis of Foremark, Esq. This is one of many examples of the careless manner in which Visitation pedigrees were compiled. Here we have a man actually attesting by his signature a document which asserts him to be the son of a lady who, according to a monument (in all probability erected by himself), "had noe issue"!

Bumett.



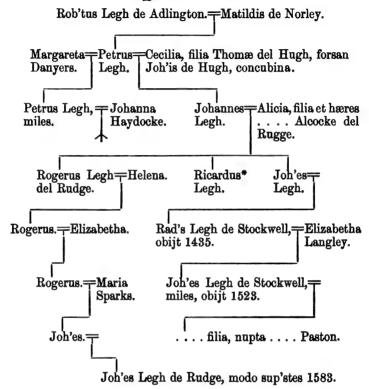
Hunt of Gayton.

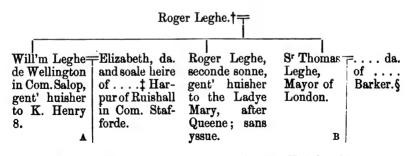
Arms.—Azure, a bend between six leopard's faces or.*



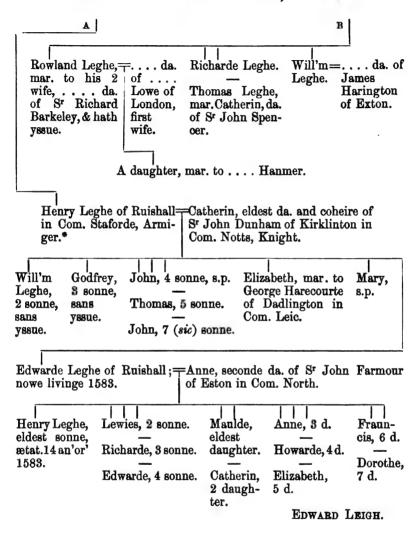
^{*} In the "Visitation of Rutland," 1618-19 (Harleian Society's edition, p. 14), these arms (together with the crest, a leopard's head between two wings expanded or) are stated to have been granted to "John Hunt of Lindon in Com. Rutland, Esq., by Robert Cooke, Clar., 20 July 1585, 27 Q. Elizabeth." I take it, therefore, that this pedigree was not recorded by Glover on circuit, but entered in the Visitation book when the arms were granted, two years later.

Leigh of Rushall.





<sup>Father of Roger, who heads the next pedigree. (Hatherton MS.)
Son of Richard. (Ib.)
John Harpur. (Ib.)
Alice, dau. of John Barker of Shropshire. (Ib.)</sup>



Complementum Armoriale Gdwardi Le'gh de Rushall in Com. Staff., et de Shathewell in Com. Leicest., Armiger.

- 1. Leighe.—Gules, a cross engrailed argent, in the first quarter an escutcheon of the last, thereon two bars azure, debruised by a bend componée; on the cross a mullet for difference.
 - * "God-child to King Henry 8. Died out of his witts." (Hatherton MS.)

- 2. GROBBERE. Sable, a fesse, and in chief three lozenges argent.
- 8. RUSHALL. HARPUR. Argent, a lion rampant in a border engrailed sable.
- 4. HANBURY.—Azure, a chevron or, in chief a lion passant of the last.
- 5. HownHill.—Vert, six talbots passant, 3, 2, and 1, argent.
- COCKE.—Argent, a bend azure, in the sinister chief an annulet of the last.
- Allesley.—Vert, three chevrons interlaced in base or, a chief argent.
- 8. Browley.—Quarterly per fesse indented gules and or, an inescutcheon argent, charged with a griffin segreant vert.
- 9. CHETLETON.—Argent, on a chevron within a border engrailed gules five bezants.
- 10. CLAYTON.—Argent, on a fesse sable between six fleurs-de-lis gules three crosses crosslet or.
- PRAYERS.—Gules, a scythe argent, blade in chief, enclosing three fleurs-de-lis, 2 and 1, of the last.
- 12. WHETENHALLE.—Vert, a cross engrailed ermine.
- 13. Bulkley.—Sable, on a chevron between three bull's heads cabossed argent as many mullets gules.
- 14. Henstall.—Quarterly gules and sable, in the second and third quarters a fleur-de-lis argent, over all a bendlet of the last.
- 15. HEWETT.—Sable, a chevron engrailed between three owls argent.
- 16. Bromley.—Quarterly per fesse indented gules and or.
- 17. Dunham.—Azure, on a chief indented or a label of three points gules.
- BOWETT.—Argent, a cinquefoil between three reindeer's heads cabossed sable.
- 19. ZOUCHE.—Gules, ten bezants, on a canton ermine a crescent
- 20. Burghe.—Argent, on a fesse dancettée sable three bezants.
- 21. Bellewe.—Sable, fretty or.

Leigh, Rushall, Bowles, etc.

ARMS.—Argent, a lion rampant within a border engrailed sable.

Nigillus de Rushall, D'n's de Rushall, T'pe conquestus Angliæ, et antea.

Osbertus de Rushall, filius et hæres Nigilli.

Ricardus de Rushall, de familiâ regis H. 2, cuiidem Rex dedit M. de Rowley, juxta Dudley.

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A Ricardus de Rushall, junior, de familia Regis Joh'is cui idem Rex an'o regni sui 2do confirmavit M. de Rowley; qui obijt in Guyenna t'pe regis H. 3. Hugo le Bowelles, miles, Alicia, filia et hæres Ricardi de familia regis H. 3. de Rushall, junioris. Henricus Will'm's de Boweles, Alicia, filia Laurenci filius et hæres, obijt Hambury, de Anneford de Com. paulo ante mortem E. primi. Wigorn., militis, juxta Armiger. Hales Owayn. Henricus Will'm's le Boweles, Agnes, filia ætate D'n's de Rushall, i maximâ Henrici Hambury. sup'stes 7 E. 3. Hambury, Ar. miles. Will'm's Boweles, D'n's de Elizabetha, filia Joh'is Will'us Coleson, Rushall, obijt in magnâ | Gifford, militis, D'ni s'c'd's maritus. pestilentiâ. de Chilinton. Johannes Hewet—Catherina, filia—Rob'tus Grobbere, Ar., s'd's maritus. de Walsall, Ar. et hæres. (Sable, a fesse, and in chief three lozenges argent.) Will'm's Grobbere, duxit= Eliza--Thomas Marga-=Will'm's betha. Hexstall. reta. Stokelev.* Catherinam, filiam Will'mi Armiger. Armiger. Walsall, Armigeri. Will'm's Grobbere vocabatur Will'm's de Rushall. et fuit Hostarius aulæ regis R. 2. Liberi duo obierunt sine exitu.

^{*} This William Stokeley was of Yoxall. His grandson, Thomas Stokeley of Yoxall, had issue two daughters, his coheirs—viz., Joane, married to Richard Greswolde of Solihull, co. Warwick; and Elizabeth, wife of Richard Salt of Yoxall. (Vis. Warw. 1619, etc.)

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Catherina, Will'm's Grobbere, aliter d'c's Will'm's Alicia, filia
  filia Will'mi
                de Rushall, hostiarius Aulæ regis R. 2,
                                                          Galfride Ive
                 obiit 1429; uxor 3, Elizab., filia Joh'is
  Walsall.
                                                          de Henley
                 Rolston de Rolston juxta Tutbury,
  Armigeri;
                                                          in Com. War.:
                                                          ux. s'c'da.
  ux. 1.
                obiit 1430.
Liberi duo.
                             Eleanor, filia et hæres, nupta
                                                               Liberi
                Jacobus de
sine exitu.
                Rushall,
                             Joh'i Harpur, Ar., qui obijt
                                                               tres, sine
                             3 die Julij Ano D'ni 1464.
                qui obijt
                                                               exitu.
                             D'n's de Rushall.
                circa an' 14
                ætat' sui.
                   Joh'es Cocke de Lilleburne.
         Henricus=
                      ... filia et hæres Galfridi Allesley de
         Cocke.
                     Com. War., militis.
   Margareta, filia et hæres Hen. Cocke. Will'm's Harpur, D'n's de
                                           Ruishall.
 Johannes Harpur, Margareta, filia et una hæredum Joh'is Bromley,
 miles.
                      militis.
Rob'tus
                Thomas Dorothea.
                                        Will'm's Legh=Elizabetha,
Harpur,
                Hoorde.
                                       de Shawell in
                                                        soror et altera
                                       Com. Leicest.
filius et
                                                        hæredu' Rob'ti
hæres.
                                       et de Rushall
                                                        Harpur.
                                       in Com. Staff.
Antonius=.
              .. filia = Ricardus
                                      Francisca, filia et hæres, nupta
                        Egerton.
Kingston, et hæres.
                                      Thomæ Farmour, et ipsa obijt
miles.
                        miles.
                                      sine exitu.
   Sir Nicholas Bowett, Elizabeth, da. & h. of John Souche of
   K^{\iota}, of Ryppinghall.
                          Kyrklington.
                              (Gules, 10 bezants & a canton ermine, on
                                    the latter a crescent azure.)
Margi, da.=John Chaworth,
                               Sir John = Elizabeth, da = Will.
                                           & one of the
                                                           Chaworth,
& one of
             brother to S'
                               Dunham,
                               2d hus-
                                           heires of Sir
                                                           K'; 1st
the heires of
             Will.; second
                               bande.
                                           Nicholas
                                                           husbande.
Sir Nich.
             sonne.
                                           Bowett.
Bowett.
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В John Dunham of Kirtlington. = Benedicta, da. Elizabeth, mar. to Richard Bassett of Fol-(Azure, on a chief indented or, a label of 3 points gules.) jambe. of Fledborough. Frauncis, Mary, mar. to Tho. Catherina, filia ætate=Henricus Grantham of Lincoln. mar, to maximâ, et una 4 Legh de hær' Joh'is Dunham John Shawell Anne, mar. to George de Kirklinton et de Hasyl-Meverell of Throwley. Rushall. wood. Com. Not., militis.

Edwardus Legh de Rushall in Com. Staff., modo sup'stes 1583.

The portion in italics is from Lord Hatherton's MS.

Leveson of Wolverhampton.

ARMS.—Quarterly azure and gules, three sinister hands couped at the wrist argent.

CREST.—An arm embowed in armour argent, garnished or, holding in the gauntlet a battle-axe, handle gules, head argent, garnished or.

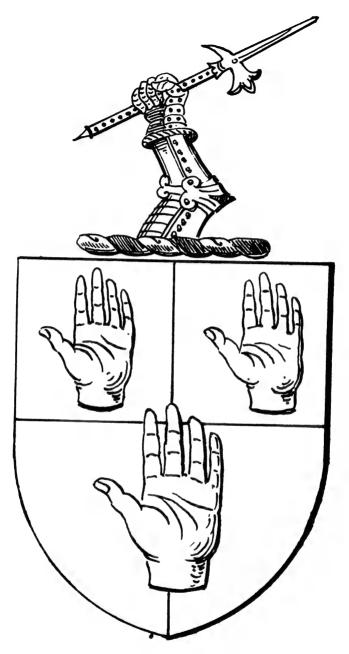
Crista concessa Johanni Lewson de Wolv'hampton, per Laurencium Dalton, Norrey, per l'res patentes dat. 6 Novembris anno 4 Reginæ Elizabethæ.

Richard Leveson* of Wilenhall in—Margerye, da. of Hervy the parish of Wolv'hampton in filz Clemente of Wolv'hampton. Com. Staff.; living 27 Ed. I.

Richard Leveson, to whome John Geffrey Leveson, his parents gave the landes Leveson.† yongest sonne.

• Son of John, and grandson of Bichard, by Agnes, dau. of William Clement, "and his heire." (Hatherton MS.)

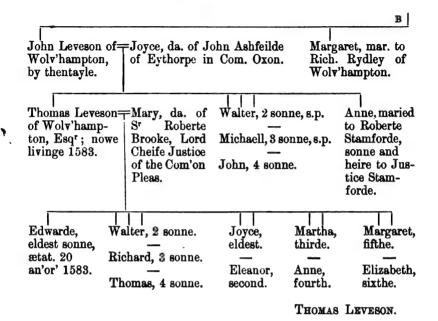
+ The Hatherton MS. styles him eldest son, and gives his descendants down to Richard Leweson of Prestwood, "lyving 7 H. 7 & 18 H. 7," who married "Jane, d. & h. of Tho. Bradbury, K', Mayor of London," and had issue Nicholas, s. and h., and James of "Lylleshall in Com. Staff." But see Shaw, ii., 169, where the descent is given differently.



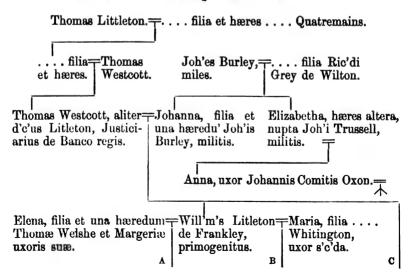
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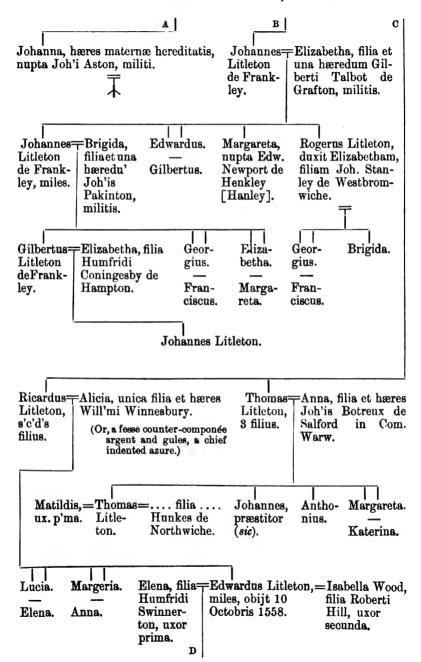
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A
      Richard Leveson of Wolv'hampton.—Christian, da. of . . . .
         Richard Leveson.
                               Will'm Leveson,=Joane, da.
         eldest sonne, s.p.
                               2 sonne.
               Richarde Leveson.—Julian, da. of . . . .
    Will'm Leveson of Wolv'hampton, cosin and heire-Isabell, da.
    to Richard his greate uncle, 5 H. 6.
                                                       of \dots
Richard Leveson of Wolv'hampton. - Joyce, da. of Foulke Birmingham.
Will'm Leveson, -... * da. and heire
                                        Foulke Leveson of Wolver-
                 of . . . . Bushburrye.
                                        hampton, eldest sonne, s.p.
3 sonne.
       John Leveson of Worley—Elizabeth, da. of Roger Foulke
       Parva in Com. Staff.
                                 of Brewoode in Com. Stafford.
John Leveson, = . . . da. of John
                                    Thomas.
                                                Margaret,
                                                             Joyce.
eldest sonne.
                Bretayne of Tam-
                                                eldest.
                                    2 sonne.
                worth.
                                                mar.
                                                             Marv.
                                    Richard,
                                    3 sonne.
    Walter Leveson, heire of his Elizabeth, da. of . . . . Arden
    brother Foulke, 5 H. 7.
                                  of Parkhall in Com. Warw.
Elizabeth,
                Thomas Leveson=Anne, da. of Rich. Wrothesley,
mar. to ....
                of Wolv'hampton,
                                   sister to Walter of Wrothesley.
Woodshawe.
                eldest sonne.
         Jane, da.=Richard Poultney of Misterton, 2 sonne
         and heire. of Sr Tho. Poultneye.
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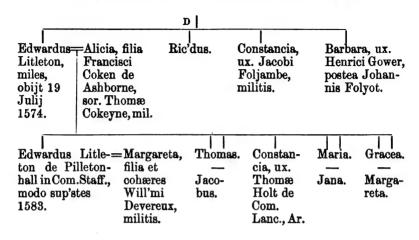
^{*} She was Helena, dau. and coheir of John Clayton of Harwood Parva, Co. Lancaster, by the heiress of Bushbury, and sister of Rose, the wife of John Grosvenor. See Shaw, ii., 178; Dugdale's "Warwickshire," etc.



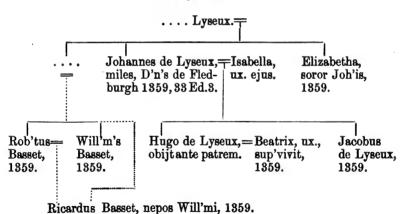
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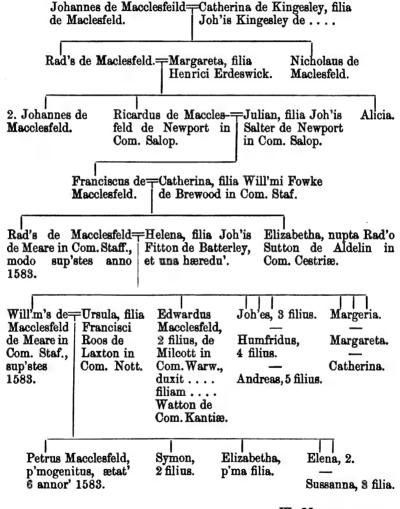
Lyseur.



Joh'es de Lyseux intalliavit M. suu' de Fledburgh et alias terras suas, infra scriptis, anno D'ni 1359, anno 33 E. 3.

Macclessield of Maer.

ARMS.—Gules, a cross engrailed ermine.



W. MACLESFELD.

Nos Humfridus Comes Buck., Heref., Staff., North., et de Perch, dedimus Rad'o Macclesfeild, filio Joh'is Macclesfeild, senioris, maneriu' n'r'm de Mere, ac o'ia terr' et ten' n'ra in Mere, Radwood, Mereway, Sydway, Aston, Chesterton, Audley, Milburgh, Bernigeshalle, Berthertes, et Stretton, &c. Habend. præfato Rad'o Macclesfeild et hæredibus de corpore suo exeunt'; pro defectu rem'd' Nicho' Macclesfeilde, fratris præd'ct' Rad'i, &c.; pro defectu rem' nobis præfato Comiti, &c. Dat' apud Stafford ano 21 H. 6.

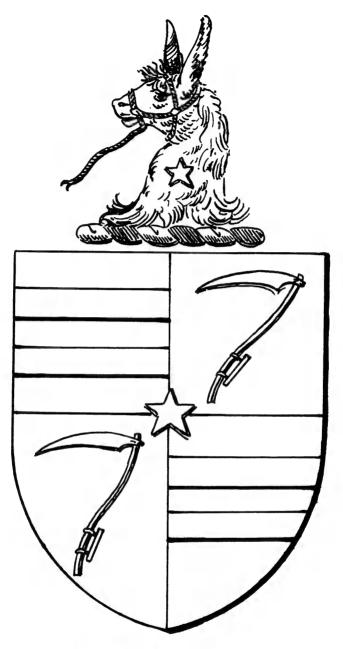
An Indenture made betwene Hughe Erdeswike, Esq^r, on the one parte, and Richard Cliffe and Margaret his wife on the other p'te, witnesseth that the sayde Hugh hath boughte of the sayde Richarde and of his wife the marriage, wth the, of Richarde, sonne and heire of Rawlin Maxfeilde, &c. Dated ano 9 E. 4.

An Indenture, beinge date the 9 of K. Henry 8, betwene John Salter, Richard Maxfeilde, and Frauncis Maxfelde, gent., on the one partie, and John Fytton of Audley, Esq^r, on the other p'tie, witnesseth that it is agreed betwene them that Raulf Maxfeilde, sonne and heire aparente of the sayde Frauncis, shall mary Ellen the da. of the sayde John Fytton, if the Lawe of the Churche will suffer it.

An Indenture, bearinge date anno 10 E. 4, betweene Hughe Erdeswike, Esq^r, on the one parte, and John Salter of Newporte, gent., on the other p'te, witnesseth that Richard Maxfeilde, sonne and heire to Rawlin Maxfeilde, shall take to wife one Jullyan, da. to the sayde John Salter.

An Indenture, bearinge date an'o 18 H. 7, betwene Richarde Maxfeilde of Newporte in the Countie of Salop, gent., and Francis Maxfeilde, sonne and heire aparente unto the same Richarde, on the one p'tie, and Will'm Fowke of Brewood on the other p'te, witnesseth that the sayde Frauncis shall take to wife Katherin, da. of the sayde Will'm Fowke of Brewood, &c.

Indentura inter Rad. Macclesfeilde de Meyre in Com. Staff., gent., et Franciscu' Roos de Swineshed in Com' præd', Ar'g', testatur quod Will'm's Macclesfeild, filius et hæres aparens præd'c'i Rad'i, duxit in uxorem Ursulam, filiam præd'c'i Francisci Roos, &c. Dat' an'o 15 reginæ Elizab.

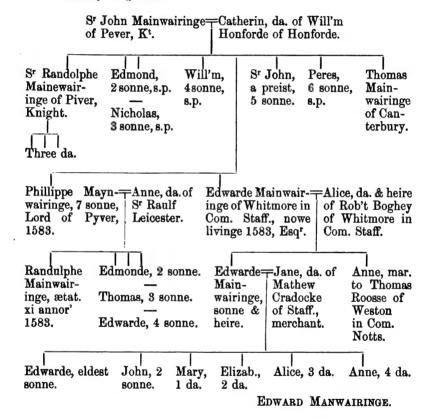


Mainwaring,

Mainwaring of Whitmore.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Argent, two bars gules. [MAINWARING.] 2 and 3. Gules, a scythe argent.* In the centre a mullet for difference.

CREST.—An ass's head erased proper, bridled argent, charged with a mullet for difference.



^{*} This quartering is usually stated to be for Boghey, but it is manifestly Praers. There was a match temp. Edw. III. between a coheiress of Praers and an ancestor of Edward Mainwaring, but as the issue of this marriage failed, and the line was carried on by the descendants of a second marriage, the coat of Praers could not be legitimately quartered by this family. But an a matter of fact it was so quartered, and the Heralds seem to have definitely assigned it to Boghey, and thus accounted for its appearance in the Mainwaring atchievement. It was allowed by Dugdale at his Visitation in 1663 to the then Edward Mainwaring of Whitmore.

Moreton of Moreton and Ingleton.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1. Argent, a chevron gules between three square buckles sable, a crescent on the chevron for difference. [MORETON.] 2. Quarterly, 1 and 4, Ermine; 2 and 3, Paly or and gules; all within a plain border azure, a crescent for difference. [KNIGHTLEY.] 3. Azure, a buck's head cabossed or. [COLOVER.] 4. Argent, on a saltire sable five ducks of the field, beaked gules. [BURGH.]

Mathewe Moreton daughter of Knightley, and his heire, a yonger brother of Moreton in Com. Stafforde. the house of Knightlev.

Johnt= =. . . . daughter Moreof Downe of Flaxyardes ton of Moreand Utkington, in Com. Cestr. ton.

Thomas More-Margery, da. of ton of Ingleton, 2 sonne.

.... Shepparde of Okeley in Com. Staforde.

John, 3 sonne. a preiste.

Thomas More--Mary, da. of ton of More-Hinton of Hinton in Com. Salop. ton.

Adame Moreton of Moreton, Esqr; nowe livinge 1583.‡

Elizabeth, mar. to Thomas Stapleton of Littlewood.

Alice, mar. to George Persons of Samborne in Com. War.

Joyce, mar. to Thomas Rowley of Hekeley.

Jane, mar. to John Horne of Stoke in Com. Warw.

Mathewe Moreton=Alice, da. of Tho. Dickens of Ingleton. of Morehall in Com. Staff., & heire to her mother.

Richarde Moreton of Ingleton; livinge 1583.

Edwarde Moreton of Ingleton in Com. Staff.; livinge 1583.

Alice, mar. to Will. Dickens.

Isabell, mar. to John Egginton of Roberston in Com. Staff.

Mary, Constance, 3 da. 4 da. Margarett,

EDWARD MORETON.

[•] She was Isabella, daughter and heir of Robert Knightley of Engleton. See the great pedigree of Knightley printed in Howard's "Mis. Gen. et Her.," i., 97. † James. (Hatherton MS.)

It is added in the Stukeley MS., in Mr. Booth's handwriting, that this Adam died without legitimate issue, and that he had "one base daughter only, marr. to Thomas Littleton, brother to Sr Edw. Littleton."

Moseley, or Mowlisley, of Bilston.

ABMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Sable, on a chevron between three mill-picks argent as many mullets gules. [Moseley.] 2 and 3. Argent, on a fesse sable three escallops or. [Blithe.]

Rob'te Schampion, Lord of Will'm John Mow
Felis, sister lisley, Lorde Sardon, dved sans vssue. Schamof Rob'te of Mowlispion, Schampion. (Argent, a chevron between three escallops sable.) 2 sonne. ley. Will'm Mowlisley. - Joane, da. of Sr Roger Hyllary. Argent, semée of crosses-crosslet fitchée, three fleurs-de-lis sable.) John Mowlisley.—Christian, da. and heire of Rob't Costliffe and Catherin his wife, sister to Sr Adam of Persall. Roger Mowlisley.—Agnes, da. of John Bate of Longam; wen John came of the sister of the Colmans. Port ar., fes. g., three mullets or, costed wth m. John Mowlisley. Margaret, da. and heire of Thomas Blithe. Port ar., fesse sa., three escallops or. Will'm Mowlisley, the last man=Isabell, da. of Will'm Harecourte. in the oulde Pedegree. Cornelius Mowlisley of Bilston in parochiâ Eleanor, da. of Rob'te Specheley of Worcestershire. de Wolv'hampton in Com. Staff. Elizabeth, mar. to Richall Toll of Rob'te Mowlisley of Awdrey, da. of Will'm Wirley of Hampsted; Com. Bilston Stafforde; nowe sister to Thomas Wir-Toll in Com. Stafley, nowe the Justice. forde. livinge 1583. Will'm Mowlisley,† Margarete, Elizabeth. æt. 23 an'or' 1583. eldest da. 2 da.

ROBERT MOSSELEY, ancyently Mowllesley.

^{• &}quot;Ex Rotulo in Pargameno Antiquo." (Hatherton MS.)
† Married "Lucrecia, da. of Tho. Whitgreve." (Ib.)

Revill of Shenstone.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1. Gules, a saltire argent, charged in the centre with a pellet. [Nevill.] 2. Gules, a fesse between six crosses-crosslet or. [Beauchamp.] 3. Checky or and azure, a chevron ermine. [Warwick.] 4. Gules, a chevron between ten crosses patiée, six above and four below, argent. [Berkeley.] 5. Gules, a lion passant guardant argent, crowned or. [Lisle.] 6. Argent, a chevron gules. [Tyes.] Over all a crescent for difference.

Crest.—A griffin passant....

Sr George Nevill, Lorde Latimer, Elizabeth, da. and one of the yonger sonne to Raulf, the first heires of Richarde Beauchampe, Earle of Westmerlande.

Sr Henry Nevill, Knight, Jane, da. of John Bourchier, dyed before his father. Lo' Berners.

Richarde
Nevill, Lo'
Latimer.

Thomas Nevill of Mathon—Anne, da. of Rob'te Grevill
of Charingworth in the
Countye of Worcester, Esq^r, seconde sonne;
had 3 wives.

Countye of Gloucester, Esq^r;
thirde wife.

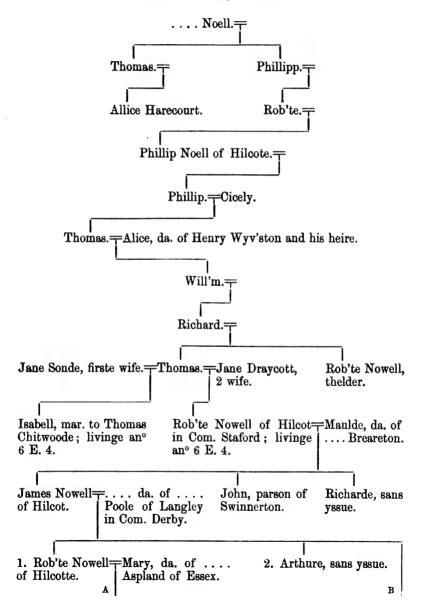
John Nevill of Shenstone parke—Alice, the da. of Humfrey in the Countie of Stafford, Esqr, sonne and heire of Thomas; nowe livinge 1583.

Rydell of Colcell in the Countye of Warwicke.

Foulke Nevill, eldest sonne, Erauncis Nevill, etat. 10, ano 1583.

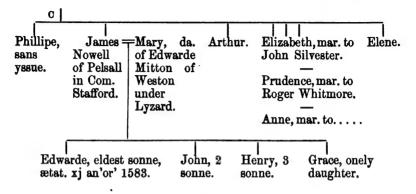
JHON NEVILL.

Roel of Bilcote.



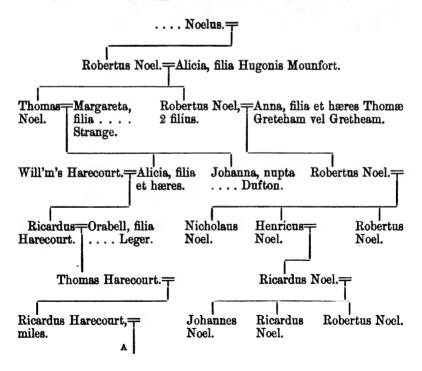
A Phillipe* Nowell of Hilcotte; livinge 1583; mar. Anne, da. of Will'm Rob'te Nowell. Walter. second sonne. 3 sonne. Crompton of Stone in Com. Staforde. Margaret, mar. to Richarde Cicely, to Thomas Brigide, dved sans Helinge of Willnall in Crosse of Olton in vssue. Com. Stafforde. Com. Staf. Joyce, mar. Dorothe, mar. to Thomas Elizabeth, mar. to Thomas Pettit of Whitgreve of Birchford in Symon Midlemore of Hexstall in Com. Com. Stafford. Haselwell in Com. Stafforde. Wigorn. 3. Andrewe Nowell of Dalby=Elizabeth, da. & heire of Hopton de in Com. Leic'r; mar. Glouc., vell Salop, the lady Peryente, Flower, a widdowe; 1 wife. widowe of Sr John Pervente; 2 wife. Henry Nowell. John Noell of Wel-Elizabeth, mar. Judithe. borne, mar. Anne, da. to Anthony and heire of George Nowell. Fonte of Fos-Fowler of Welshton in Com. borne in Com. Leic. Will'm Nowell. Leic. Will'm. Edward, a daughter. Andrewe Nowell, mar..... da. of Sr James Harington of eldest 2 sonne. Exton, K. This Andrewe is sonne. a daughter. of Dalby, heire to his father. Luce, a daughter. Theodosia, 2. Edwarde, a sonne. Leonarde. Thomas, mar. Dorothe, da. and Anthony, a preist. heire of Henry Petyt of Badger sans yssue, in Com. Salop, widowe of John Kinardesley of Loxley in Com. Humfrey, sans dyed yonge. vssue. Stafford.

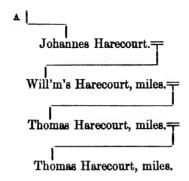
[•] It appears from a mem. by Mr. Booth that both Philip and Robert died e.p., and that the line was carried on by Walter, the third son; of whom, it may be added, Charles Perroth Noel, Esq., of Bell Hall, Worcestershire, is the present representative.



PHILIP NOELL. JAMES NOELL.

Ex Chartis Philippi Boel De Pilcott in Com. Staff.





24 E. 3. Johannes Noel, filius Roberti Noel. Inq'.

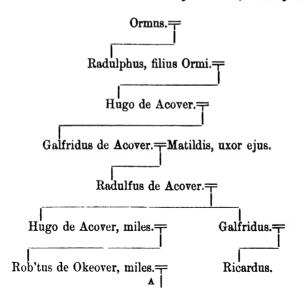
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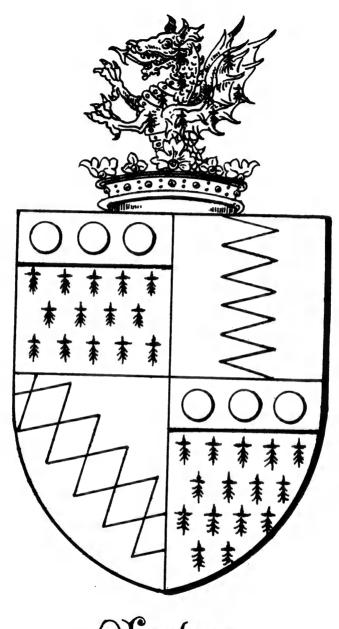
ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Ermine, on a chief gules three bezants.

[OKEOVER.] 2. Per pale indented sable and argent. [ATLOWE.]

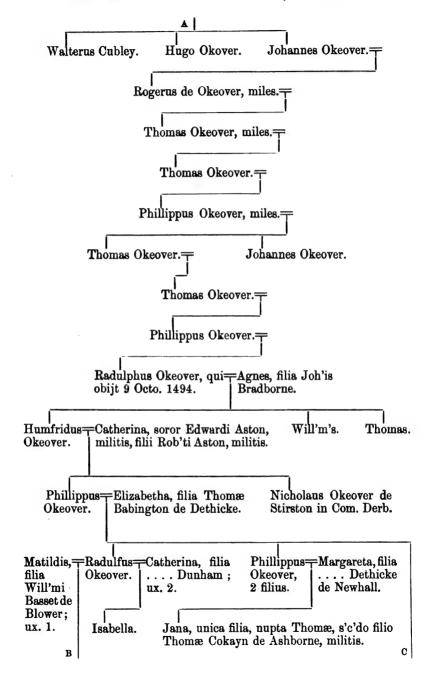
3. Azure, a bend of lozenges argent. [GRIN.]

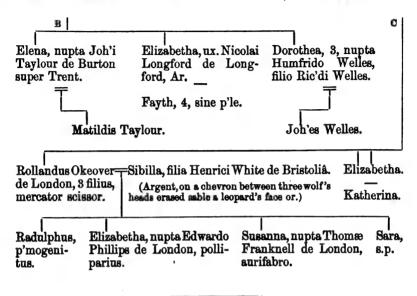
CREST.—In a ducal coronet or a demi-dragon ermine, armed gules.





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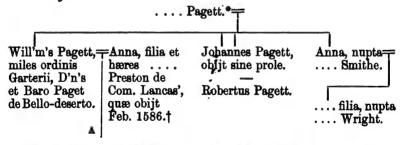




Paget of Beaudesert.

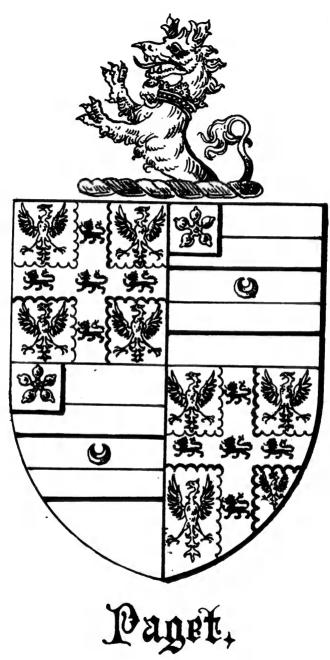
ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Sable, on a cross engraved between four eagles displayed argent five lions passant of the field. [PAGET.] 2 and 3. Argent, two bars gules, on a canton of the last a cinquefoil or, a crescent for difference. [PRESTON.]

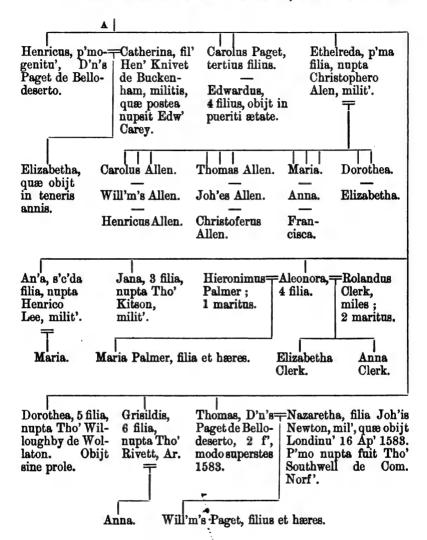
CREST.—A demi heraldic tiger sable, armed, tufted, and ducally gorged argent.



• In Lord Hatherton's MS. (and also in Harl. MS. 1077) called ". . . . Pagitt, of London, mediocris fortune vir."

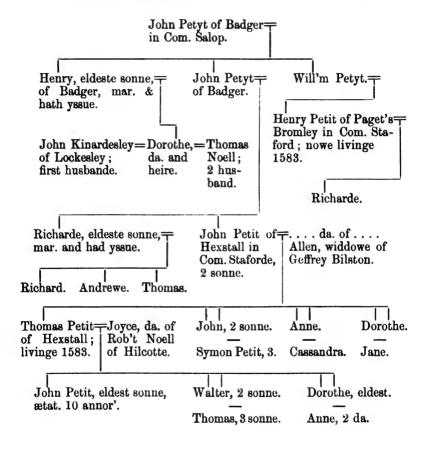
† If this is a genuine Visitation pedigree, this date must of course be a subsequent addition. It is noted in Lord Hatherton's MS. that "this Anne Ladie Pagett was buried at West Drayton." There are several (not in all cases accurate) additions to this pedigree in the Hatherton MS., but the Paget pedigree is so easily accessible in the various "Peerages" that it is not necessary to note them.





Petit of Perstall.

Arms.*—Argent, a chevron gules, charged with a crescent or, between three bugle-horns stringed sable.



[•] Although arms seem to have been allowed, both Thomas Petit of Hexstall and Henry of Paget's Bromley were disclaimed (vide p. 14). According to the Heraldic Dictionaries the above arms were granted in 1583.

Plantney of Wolverhampton.

ARMS.—Sable, semée of trefoils, a lion rampant argent.

CREST.—A tiger's head erased or, armed, langued, maned, and tufted gules. A graunte from Clarencieulx R. Cooke, under his hand.

John Plantney of Greyengham = Elizabeth, da. of in Com. Lincolne. Rogers of . . . Callays. Edwarde Plantney=Elizabeth, da. of Will'm Alexander, sans of Grevengham. Lynne of Norfolke. yssue. Henry Plantney of Wolver--Joane, da. of Richard Thomas Plantney. hampton in the Countie of | Creswell of Barnes-2 sonne. Stafforde; livinge 1583. hurst in Com. Stafforde Samuell Plantney, eldest sonne, Danyell, 2 Elizabeth. Margaret, ætat. 19 annor' 1583. sonne. eldeste. 2 daughter.

Robinson of **Brayton** Bassett.

ARMS.—Per pale or and azure, a cross patonce counterchanged, a chief quarterly of the first and second, in the first and fourth quarters a lion passant of the last, in the second and third three bezants in fesse.

CREST.—The sun in splendour or, perched thereon a robin proper.

.... uxor p'ma. Georgius Robinson de Johanna, filia Ilderton. Drayton Basset (Argent, three water-Com. Staff. bougets sable.) Will'm's Robinson=Gracea, filia Humfridi Fitzherb't Nicholaus. p'mogenitus; de Drayton Bassett. de Uphall in Com. Hertf., Ar. obiit s.p. (Argent, a chief vaire or and gules, over all a bendlet sable.) Dorothea, nupta Walteri Harecourt Thomas Robinson de Johannes, de Staunto' Harecourt in Com. modo sup'stes 2 filius. Oxon', Ar, an'o 1583.

HENRY PLANTENEY.

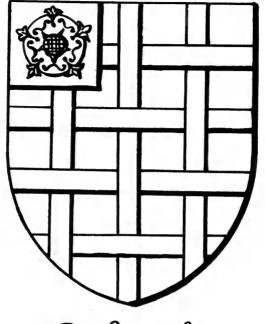
Rudgerd of Rudgerd.

ARMS ("Ex sigillo").—Argent, frelty (formed by perpendicular and horizontal lines) sable, on a canton gules a ross or, barbed vert.

In Lord Hatherton's MS. is written over the shield: "Robert of Ruddiard al's Tetesworth."

Rauf Rudierd of daughter of Roger Savage, Rudierd : lyvinge | a yonger of the house of Savage anno 15 H. 7. in Chesshire. James Rudierd, daughter of Neelson dyed before his | of Yorkshire. Thomas Rudierd, eldest sonne, sans yssue. brother. Raufe=Alice, da. Muryell, mar. a daughter, 2. John of Hugh to John Rudierd Rudverd. mar. to Smart of Wardesworth. of Brereton London. Rudierd. of 3. John, sans yssue. Rauf Rudyard, = Margery, d. Hugh, sans James Rudyerd, mar. Mary, daughter of of John 2 sonne; lyvissue. Mylner de inge 1583. Laurence Kedwelly. Com. Nott. Richard. sans yssue. Laurence, eldest John. 2. Benjamin. Thomas. Elizabeth. sonne. James. Ambrosia. Thomas Rudyard=Elizabeth, d. of John Osbaldeston of Chadlinton of Rudyard. in Com. Oxon. Mary, d. of Francys=Thomas Rudyerd of=Jane, 2 wyf, d. of Bydulf of Bydulf, Rudyerd in the County Will'm Norreys of Fy-Esquier, sans yssue. of Staff., Esquier; lyvfeld in Com. Berks. Nunc gravida mense ing 1583. Aug. 1583.

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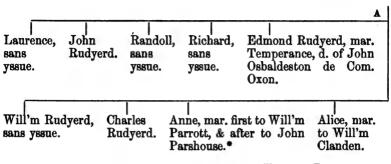


Rudyerd,



Sigillum Johis Tyse.

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THOMAS RUDYERD. R. RUDYERDE.

Rugeley of Shenstone.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Argent, a chevron between three roses gules.

[RUGELEY.] 2 and 3. Argent, a horse's head erased sable.

[HAWKESYARD.]

Robert Ruggeley, descended of the house of Ruggeley of Haucksyard in the Countye of Stafforde.

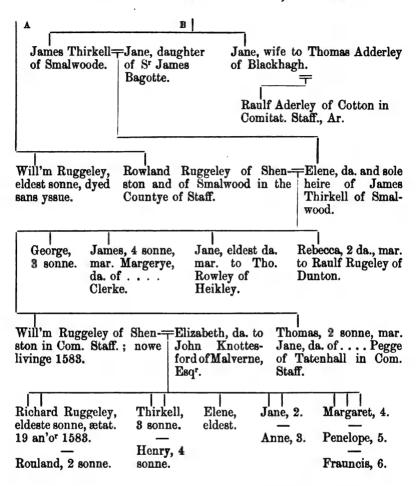
Will'm Ruggeley of Shenston—Alice, da. of Will'm Classon of Whitin the Com. of Staff. ington in the Countie of Staff.

Rowlande Thirkell, the firste—Rose, da. of John that came into Staffordsh. Minours.

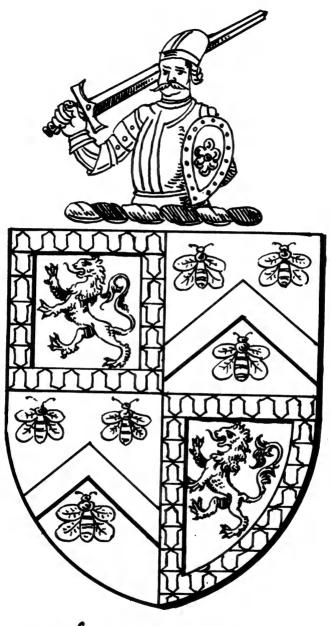
John Thirkell of Smalwood—.... da. of Sr John Poole of Harington in Com. Staff. in Com. Derby.

John Thirkell of Smalwood.—Elizabeth, da. of Swinnerton of Swinnerton.

* John Persehouse and Anne Perrott were married at Walsall in 1572.



WYLL'M RUGELEY.



Skrimshire,

Skrimshire of Aorbury, Aqualate, and Johnson.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Gules, a lion rampant or within a border vaire. [SKRIMSHIRE.] 2 and 3. Azure, a chevron between three flies argent. [MUSCHAMP.]

CREST.—A demi-man in armour, front-faced, couped at the waist proper, holding in his right hand a sword reclining on his shoulder, blade proper, pomel and hilt or; on his sinister arm an oval buckler aules.

.... Skrimshire.= daughter and heire of-Thomas Skrimshere= \dots Skrimsher.=eldest sonne. Swinshed of Swinshed of Northbury in Com. in Com. Stafford. Staforde, 2 sonne. Will'm Skrimshere= Thomas Skrim-= John-Dorothe, da. of Sr shere, 2 sonne, of Muschampe in Skrimdaughter Com. Nott., and of shere John. of Johnson in of North Dighton in of Talbot. Com. Staf. Talbotte.* Com. Ebor. North-Knight. burye, eldest Thomas Skrim--.... † da. Maulde, da. and sonne. shere of Johnof . . . Wirley of sole heire, mar. to son; livinge Marshall. 1583. Hamstede. Thomas Skrim-Alice, da. James Skrimshere Richarde Skrimshere of Aquiof Northbury, 2 shere of Northof lotte in Com. Starkey sonne, mar. Elizabury, 8 sonne, Staff.. beth, da. of Rob't eldest of Darley Margaret, mar. da. of John Poole sonne; livinge in Com. Collyar of Darles-1583. Cestr. ton in Com. Stafof Wirrall in Com. forde. Cestr. Thomas, eldest sonne, James. Dorothe, eldest. Elizabethe, ætat. 7 annor' 1583. 3 daughter. 2 sonne. Lucye, 2.

THOMAS SKRIMSHER.

M. FYLSTON, for JA. SKRYMSHER.

^{* &}quot;A base dau. to Sir Gilbert." (Hatherton MS.) Sir Gilbert Talbot of Grafton, co. Worcester, had several natural children by his "concubine," Elizabeth Wynter, widow: among others, Walter (who died 1588, leaving issue); Humphrey; Eleanor, wife of Geoffrey Dudley, Esq., of Russell's Hall; and Margaret, unmarried in 1542. (See Vis. Worc., 1569, etc.)
† Elizabeth, da. of Will. Wyrley. (Hatherton MS.)

Smith of Aewcastle-under-Lyme.

[ARMS.—Or, an eagle's leg erased à la cuisse gules, on a chief indented azure a mullet argent between two plates.

CREST.—A parrot vert, beaked and legged gules, charged on the breast with a mullet or. (Hatherton MS.)]

The Armes and Creaste of Raufe Smithe of Newcastle under Lyne in the Countye of Stafforde, lyneally descended by paternell race from Richard Torbocke of Torbocke, the thirde sonne of Sr Will'm Torbocke of Torbocke in the Countye of Lancaster, Knighte, who was the firste that by an accydente was surnamed Smithe.

Richarde Torbocke,* yonger sonne of Sr Will'm Torbocke of Lancasheire, Knighte, called Smithe by an accydente and dwelte at Newcastle.

John Smithe of Newcastle under Lyne in Com. Stafforde.

Anne, mar. to Richard Colecloghe of Chelley in Com. Stafford.

Eleanor, mar. to Rycharde Bloyde† of Lloynmavne in Com. Salop.

Richarde Smithe, eldest sonne, mar. Margaret, da. of John Dodde of Clarley; in Com. Salop, and dyed sans yssue.

John Smithe of New-Margarette, da. of castle under Lyne, Ralf Pickman of seconde sonne, and Midlewiche in heire to his brother Comitate Cestr. Richarde.

John, eldest sonne; dyed sans yssue.

Edwarde, seconde vesue.

Raulph Smithe of Newcastle, sonne; dyed sans gen.; livinge 1583.

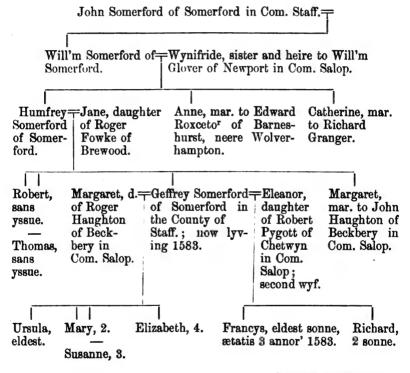
RALPH SMYTH.

† Lloyd. 1 Cloverley.

[•] See Flower's Visitation of Lancashire in 1567, published by the Chetham Society, p. 91. But this descent from Tarbock seems to have been suggested by William Smith, Rouge Dragon. A John Smith of Newcastle-under-Lyme had a grant of the following arms in 1561: Barry of six ermine and gules, over all a lion rampant sable, crowned or. Crest: A tiger passant argent, pierced through the chest with a tilting-spear proper. It is noteworthy that, though the "Armes and Creaste" of Ralph Smith are referred to (as above) in the Stukeley MS., no trick or blazon of them is given.

Somerford of Somerford.

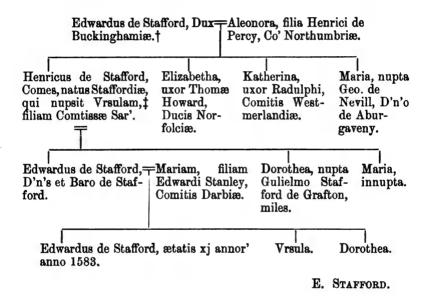
ARMS.—Vert, a stag trippant proper, attired or, within a border engrailed argent.



GEFFRE SOM'FORD.

Stafford.*

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. Or, a chevron gules. [STAFFORD.] 2 and 3. Or, two ravens in pale sable. [Corbett of Caus.]
CREST.—In a ducal coronet per pale gules and sable, a demi-swan, wings expanded proper, beaked gules.



† Attainted the 10th Henry 8. (Ib.) ‡ Ursula, da. to the Countes of Salisbury, Margaret, and of her husband Sr Richard Poole, K⁴ of the Garter. (Ib.)

^{*} Raufe the sonne of Edmund, the son' of Nycholas, the sonne of Roberte, Baron of Stafford, that maried Alice, the eldeste da. of S' Tho. Corbett of Caus; wch Raufe was the first Earle Stafford, and had in partition of the Barony of Caus the Castell and demaynes, the manner of Nether Gother, the moyety of the manner of Woorthin and the parke, part of the chase of the forest of Caus, with dyvers other landes, and dyvers knights' fees by partition, the 21st of Kinge Ed. 3. (Hatherton MS.)

Stamford of Nury Ball.

ARMS.—Concessa Will'mo Stamforde de Holloway* in Com. Middlesex, per Christoph' Barker, Garter, dat. 26 Maij 1542, ano H. 8, 34. -Argent, three bars azure, a canton or, thereon a fesse, and in chief three mascles sable.

CREST.—A gauntlet or, holding a broken sword, hilt and pomel sable,

blade argent.

Rob'te Stamforde of Rowley-Margery, da. and heire of in Com. Stafforde. Fisher of Rowley juxta Staf.

John, a Will'm=Margaret, da. and heire Thomas $= \dots da$. preiste: of Gydney of Lonof Stamforde Stamford of London. She lyeth buryed at Henshawe, of Rowsans don, yssue. Islington; quæ obijt 19 ley; 3 Mayor of m'chant; Octobris 1541, sepulta sonne. Gloucester, and his 2 sonne. in australi parte ejusdem eccl'æ. heire.

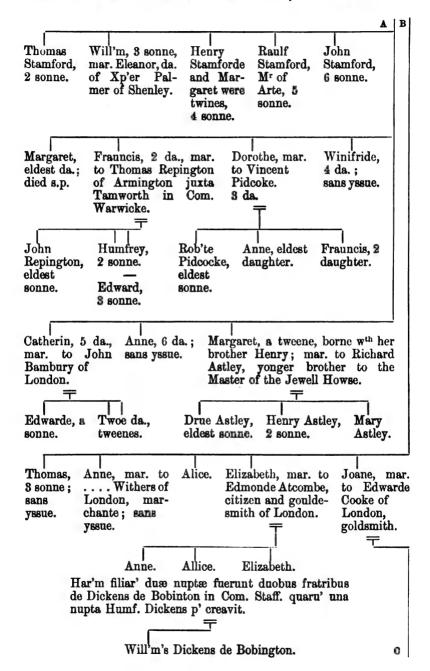
John, Sr Will'm Stamforde of Hadley—Alice, eldest da. of John in Com. Midlesex, Knight, eldest Justice of the Com'on Bench; sonne: sans natus 22 Augusti an'o 1509; qui obijt 28 Augusti anº 6 vssue. reginæ Mariæ; sepultus apud Hadly. Made Knight an'o 1 et 2 Phil. et Mariæ.

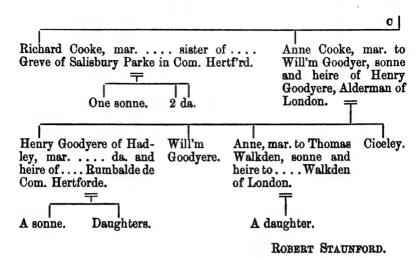
Palmer of Kentish towne: wch John lyeth buried in Pankridge Church, neere Grey's Inne; obijt ipsa apud Hadley 20 Septembris an'o 15 Reginæ Elizabethæ, et sepulta jacet apud Hadley.

Rob'te Stamforde of Pury-hall in Anne, da. of John Leveson of Com. Staf., Esqr; nowe livinge Wolverhampton in Com. Staf-1583; natus fuit 31 Januarij ford, Esqr; qui sepultus jacet an'o 1539. apud Wolv'hampton.

Edwarde Rob'te, 2 Mary, Frauncis. Margaret, 5 da. Stamford, eldest da. 3 da. sonne. eldest Agatha, sixth sonne, ætat. Charles, 3 Catherin, Anne. 19 an'or' sonne. 2 da. 1583.

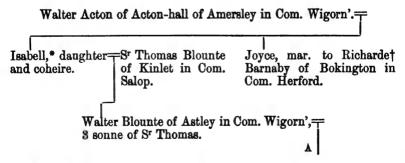
* Sic, sed query Hadley?





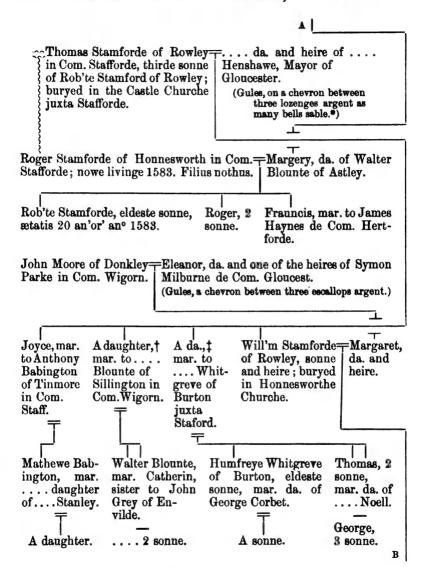
Stamford of Rowley and Pakington.

ARMS.—Argent, three bars azure, on a canton gules a gauntlet or, holding a broken sword, blade argent, hilt and pomel sable. CREST.—A stag's head couped argent, guttes de sang, gorged with a gemelle gules.



This is a mistake. Isabel, daughter and coheiress of Walter Acton of Ombersley, was the wife not the mother of Walter Blount of Astley. She was the widow of Thomas Broughton of Longdon (see that pedigree), and lies buried (ob. 8 Jan. 1562) with her second husband in Astley Church. (See M.I. in Nash's "Worcestershire," i., 43.)

+ Should be Thomas Barneby of Brockhampton.

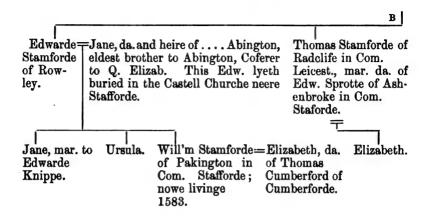


In Lord Hatherton's MS. is a trick of "Henshaw's crest," viz., A bird's

1 Margery, mar. to Robert Whitgreve. (Hatherton MS.)

^{(?} hernshaw's) head erased per pale wavy zure and gules, beaked or.

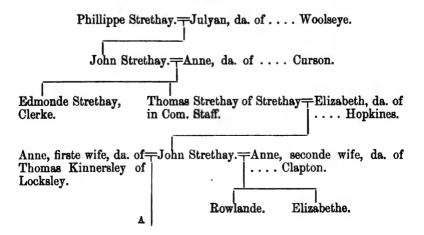
+ Catherine. (Hatherton MS.) She was the first wife of Thomas Blount of
Sodington, Co. Worcester (who died 10 Dec. 5 Elizabeth), and had issue by him
two sons, Walter and Henry. (M.I. at Mamble, Worcestershire, and Nash's Pedigree of Blount, ii., p. 162.)

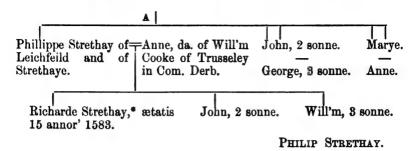


Strethay of Strethay.

ARMS.—Argent, a lymmer-hound with his nose to the ground gules.

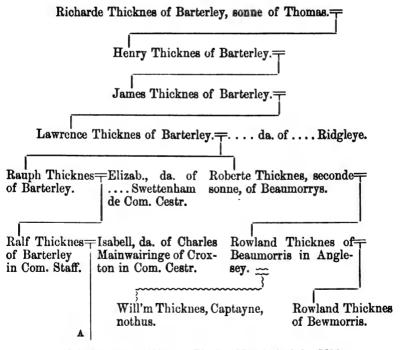
A second shield of the same coat, impaling (for Cooke): Quarterly
—1 and 4. Gules, three crescents or, that in the dexler chief concealed by a canton of the sams. 2 and 3. Argent, a fesse gules, in chief three mullets of the last.



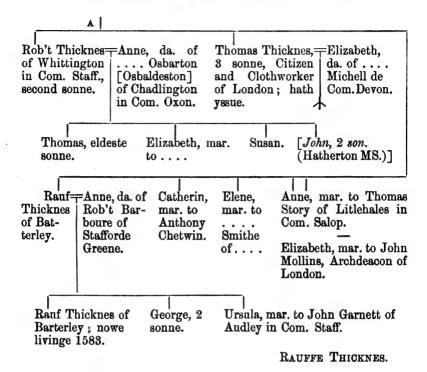


Thicknes of Balterley.

ARMS.—Argent, a chevron sable fretty or, in chief a scythe-blade azure, edge to the chief, point to the dexter.



"Sold Strethay to Alderman Piot." (Note in Stukeley MS.)



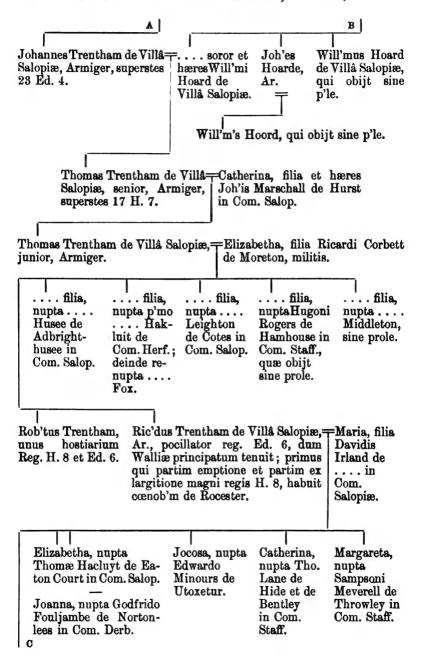
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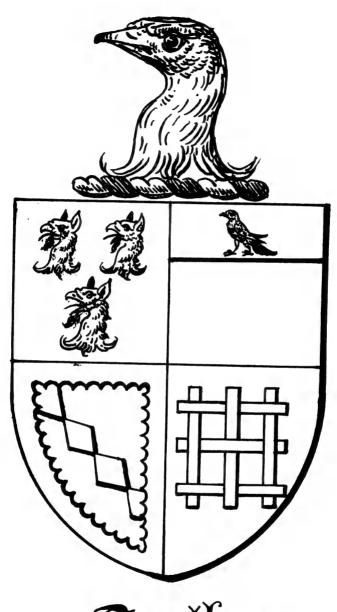
ARMS.—Quarterly—1. Argent, three griffin's heads erased sable, beaked gules. [Trentham.] 2. Argent, on a chief or a raven (or Cornish chough) sable, beaked and legged gules. [Hoord.] 3. Gules, a bend lozengy within a border engrailed or. [Marschall.] 4. Argent, three pallets and as many barrulets all couped and interlaced asure. [Hurst.]

Crest.—A raven's head erased sable.

Will'm Trentham.... filia Hoarde de Villâde Villâ Salopiæ, Salopiæ.

Armiger. Horton de Woodcott. B





Grenkham,

la Thomas Trentham de Rocestre in Com. Staff., Ar., Jana, filia Will'mi modo superstes ano 1583. Sneyde, militis. Franciscus Trentham, Thomas. Elizabetha, pedise-Dorothea, 2 2 filius. primogenitus et qua honoraria filia.‡ hæres, ætatis 19* Serme Reginæ annor' ano 1583. Elizabethæ.† Catherina, 8 filia.

THO. TRENTHAM.

Tyrrell of Rushton.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1. Argent, two chevrons azure within a border engrailed gules. [Tyrrell.] 2. Paly of six argent and sable. [Burgate.] 3. Gules, on a chevron argent three dolphins embowed vert. [Flambert.] 4. Azure, a cross moline or. [Bruyn.] 5. Lozengy ermine and gules. [Rockley.] whole debruised with a bendlet sinister, and differenced by a crescent upon a mullet.

CREST.—A boar's head couped and erect argent, differenced and debruised as the arms, issuant from the mouth a peacock's tail proper.

Humfrey Tyrrell of Joyce, da. of Thorneton. Ingleton. George Tyrrell of Thorneton in Com.—Mary, da. of Sr Edwarde Bucks.¶

| Montague.

Married "d. of Sheldon of Beely in Worstsh." (Lord Hatherton's MS.)

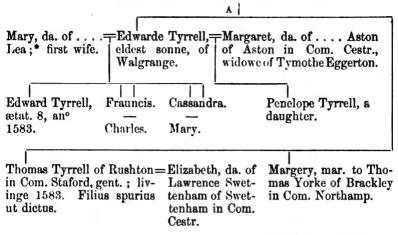
She was Katherine, seventh daughter of Ralph Sheldon of Beoley.

† "Modo Comitissa Oxon." (Ib.) She was the second wife of Edward de Vere, seventeenth Earl of Oxford, and mother of Henry his successor.

‡ "Uxor Johan'is Stanhope." (Ib.)

§ Son, according to Lord Hatherton's MS., of "William Tyrrell of Wokynden, Essex," by his wife "Elizabeth, da. of Tho. Bodeley, Esqr."

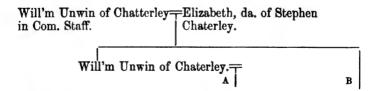
|| Robert Ingleton, Esq. (Ib.)|| Had a second wife, Mary, da. of Cooke of Cheshire. (Ib.)



THOMAS TYRRELL.

Unwin of Chatterley. Unwin of Clough.

ARMS.—Azure, a crescent or between three fleurs-de-lis argent, within a border engraised of the second.



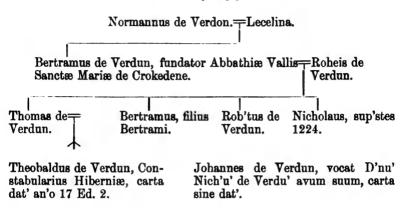
"Of Wallsgrave in Suffolk." (Hatherton MS.)

[†] These Arms are stated in the Heraldic Dictionaries to have been "confirmed" to William Unwyn of Chatterley on the 18th of November, 24 Eliz. (1581). But vide ante, p. 10, where, from the memorandum attached to the name of William Unwin, it would seem that his right to Arms was doubtful. It may be mentioned as a curious circumstance that the page in the Harl. MS. 1570 which contained this Unwin pedigree has been torn out, and on the opposite page is the following note by Wanley: "Nov. 4, 1711. Mr. Bale, perusing this book, told me that in certain books of the College of Arms one part of this pedigree of Unwyn is also torn out, being ye same with that what was written upon p. 69. He says further that he had observed folio 69 of this book to be missing some years since, while it was in ye possession of Mr Comyns."

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В
          John Unwin of Chaterley. = Elene, da. of . . . .
Raulf Unwin of=Elizabeth, da. of Richard Spencer of Congleton in
Chaterley.
                 Com. Cestr.
Edwarde Unwin of Tursula, da. of John Billett of Great Moreton,
Chatterley.
                    Esq<sup>r</sup>, in Com. Cestr.
Will'm Unwin of Mary, da. of
                                  Raulf Unwin,
                                                 Anne, mar. to
                  Rob'te Vernon
Chatterley in the
                                  2 sonne, mar.
                                                 Thomas Badley.
Countye of Staf-
                  of Haselton in
                                  Anne, da. of
                                  . . . . Barnes
forde; nowe liv-
                  Com.
                         Cestr.,
                                                 Mary, mar. to
inge 1583.
                                  of Cheshire.
                                                 Will'm Bourne.
                  Ar.
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   Elene, only da., ætat.
                                John.
                                          Mary.
                                                    Margerye.
   12, an'o 1583.
                                             WILLYAM UNWYN.
             John Unwin of Cloughe, younger sonne.
       Will'm Unwin of Cloughe. -... da. of .... Jackson.
  Thomas Unwin of .... da. of .... Caddy, sister to the Abbot
                     of Croxton.
  Cloughe.
   Stephen Unwin of Cloughe.—Custome, da. of . . . . Gledenhurst.
Thomas Unwyn of Margaret, da. of Hughe Brereton, brother to Sr
Cloughe.
                   Andrewe and Sr John.
Thomas Unwin of Clough in the Countie-Anne, da. of John Offeley
of Staf.; living 1583.
                                           of Madeley, gen.
           John Unwin, of the age of 2 yeares, anno 1583.
                                               THOMAS UNWYN.
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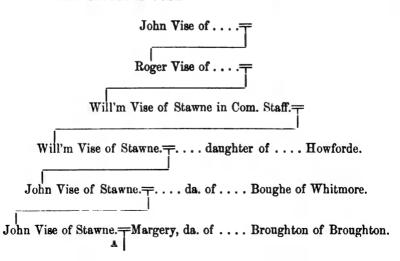
ARMS.—Or, fretty gules.

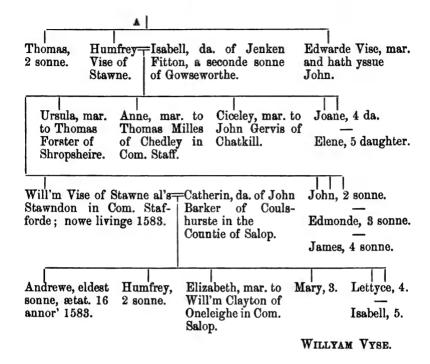


Vise of Staundon.

A circular seal, thereon a buck's head cabossed, between the attires a cross.

"Sigillum Joh'is Vyse."





Welles of Horecross.

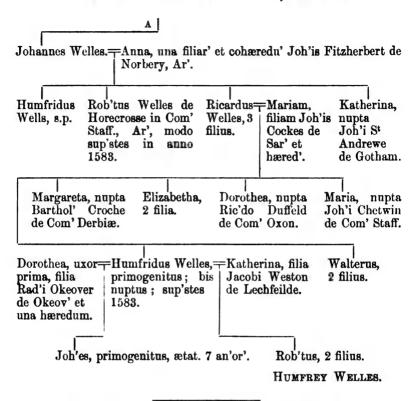
ARMS.—Quarterly—1. Sable, a buck's head cabossed or. [Welles.]
2. Argent, a fesse, and in chief three lozenges sable, on the fesse
a multet of the field for difference. [ASTON.] 3. Argent, a chief
vaire or and gules, over all a bendlet sable. [FITZHERBERT.]
4. Argent, two bars sable, a canton ermine. [MARSHALL.]

Thomas Welles de Cecilia, filia Joh'is Aston
Parva Haywoode. de Longdon.

Joh'es Welles. Alicia, filia et hæres Ricardi Aston de Horecrosse.

Thomas Welles. Johanna, filia Will'mi Bonington.

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The Quarterynges of Mr Melles of Holy-Crosse in Com. Staff.

- 1. Sa., a bucke's heade cabashed or. Welles.
- Ar., a fesse and 8 lozenges in cheefe sa., for his difference a mullett.
 ASTON.
- 3. Argente, a bende sa., a cheefe varry or and gu. FITZHERBERT.
- 4. Ar., too barres sa., a canton or. MARSHAL.
- 5. Er., on a cheefe gu. 3 besantes. OKE'R.
- 6. Party per pale indented sa. and ar. ATTLOWE.
- 7. Azu., a bende fesile ar. GRIN.

His creast a bunch of Holy vt, beryed gu., banded ar. and sa., the endes { tucked up dubled } at each side with tassells hangeinge downe on the one side all or, on the other sa. His mottoe: "En Dieu este toute."

(The above is upon a loose sheet inserted in the Queen's College MS. at fo. 48b.)

Whitgreave of Burton.

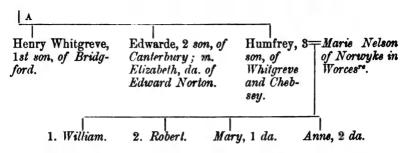
ARMS.—Azure, on a cross quarter-pierced or four chevrons gules. CREST.—Out of a ducal coronet gules a demi-antelope or.

[Be it noted that ther is a Towne in Staffordshire called Whitgreve, joyning to the Maner of Bridgford, which is Whitgreve's lands to this day. (Hatherton MS.)]

Rob'te Whitgreve, Esq., of Burton juxta castrum de Stafford, died the 27 H. 6. Humfrey Whitgreve of Burton = daughter of Thomas, 2 son, of Longford in juxta castru' de Staff., 1 H. 7. Eggerton of Wrinehill. Shropshire, s.p. Rob'te Whitgreve, Esquyer, of Margery, da. of Thomas Stamforde of Burton. Rowley, neere Stafforde. Humfrey Whitgreve of Burton, neere-Joyce, da. of Anthony Astley Stafforde, Esqr; nowe livinge 1583. of Oslowe in Com. Staff.* Elizabeth, onely da., Robert Whitgreve, eldest=Jane, da. of John m. to Walter Colman, sonne and heire, æt. 14 Erdeswyke, 24 annor' 1583. brother. gent., of Cank. Humphrey, 1st son. Jane. Walter, Edw., 3 son. Margarett. 2 son. George, Thomas, = Dorothy, Ellen, 1 da.,Elizabeth, ux. Raufe Bag-2 sonne, daughter 3 sonne. ux. John nall of Barlaston, Staff. of Rob. of Bridg-Babington. s.p. ford in Nowell of Alice, tux. Henry Grave-Staff. Hillcott. Margarett, nor, a younger brother of Bushbery. s.p. Thomas. Brigite, 2 da., m. Lucretia, 1 da., Walter, 5 sonne, a ux. Will. Mowl-4 sonne. fellowe Scoller in to Thomas Astley Co. Camb., and of Churche Eaton lisley, s. and h. to Mar of Arts. in Staff. Roberte.

† Vide ante, p. 91, note *.

^{*} In the Stamford Pedigree, ante, p. 136, Humphrey is stated to have married "da. of George Corbet."



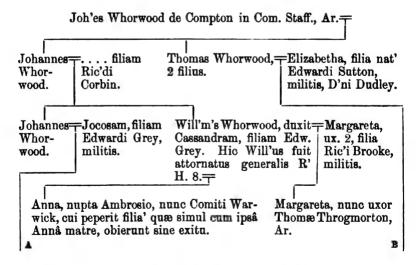
HUMFREY WHITGREVE.

(The portion in italics is supplied from Lord Hatherton's MS.)

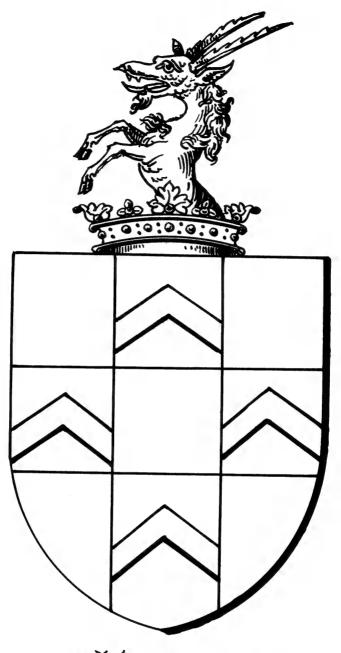
Whorwood of Compton and Lutley.

ARMS.*—Argent, a chevron between three buck's heads cabossed sable.

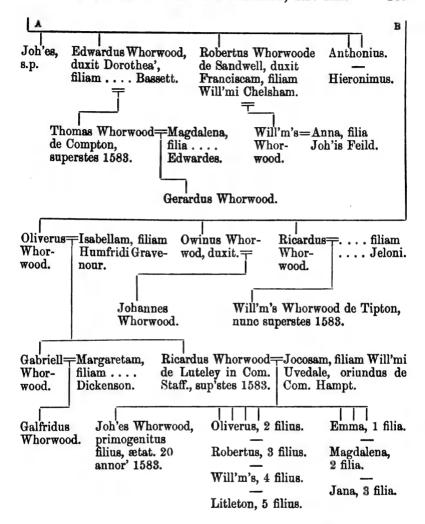
(By the side of the shield is tricked a crescent or, thereon another crescent gules, no doubt the difference of Whorwood of Lutley.)



^{*} Crest: A buck's head cabossed sable, in the mouth an oak-branch proper, fructed or. (Hatherton MS.)



Mhitgreade,



by me John Whorwood.

Whorwood of Compton.

ARMS.—Argent, a chevron between three buck's heads cabossed sable.

John Whorwoode of Compton in the Countie of Stafforde, Esqr. John Whorwoode of Compton=Elizabeth, da. of Richarde Corbyn of Corbin-hall in Com. Stafforde. in Com. Staff. Will'm Whorwood, Richarde Whor-John Whor--Joyce, da. of woode of Sr Rich. Grev. 2 sonne, Attorney woode, Clerke, Generall to H. 8. Compton. Knight. sans yssue. John, eldest Will'm, slayne Anthony Whorwoode, Jerome Whormar. and liveth in sonne, dyed at Bolloygne, woode; livinge Devonsh, and hath 1583. before his sans yssue. yssue. father, s.p. Edwarde Whor--Dorothe, da. Rob'te Whorwoode=Frauncis, da. of Sandwall in Com. of Will'm woode of Compof Thomas ton. Bassette of Staff. Chelsam of London. Hintes. Will'm Whorwoode -... da. and Thomas Whorwoode Magdalene. of Westbromwich heire of of Compton in Com. da. of Rowlande Edin Com. Staff.; Feilde of Stafforde, Esqr; nowe livinge 1583. wardes of nowe livinge 1583. London. Gerarde Whorwoode, sonne Elizabeth. A daugh-Thomas Whorwoode. and heire, ætat. 18 an'or' 1583.

Whorwood of Bobington.

ARMS.—Argent, on a chevron between three buck's heads cabossed sable, as many crescents or.

Richard Whorwood of Bobington, a yonger= brother of Whorwood of Whorwood (sic). Thomas Whorwood of Bobington. John Whorwood of Bobington. Anne, da. of Cockes of Envile. Henry Whorewoode Joane, da. of Will'm Rick-John, 2 sonne, hath of Bobington. thorne of Bobington. noe yssue livinge. Elizabeth. Nicholas Eleanor, mar. Margery Joyce, mar. to Will'm Whorwood. to John mar, to John mar, to nowe in. Smithe of Haselwoode. Edwarde Hollyman. Staffordsh. Sanson. Spaine. Will'm Whor-= John Whor-Margaret, da. Frauncis ... da. of woode of da, of wood of Whorof Bobington in Raulfe London. Hochwood. Brooke. Com. Staf-Brooke of 2 sonne. kis of 3 sonne. forde; nowe Bobing-London. livinge 1583. ton. Frauncis, eldest=Jane, da. of Richard. Will'm. Phillips. sonne, ætat. 22 Whitmore of Clare-2 sonne. (Hatheran'or' 1583. ley, and his heire. ton MS.)

WYLL'M WHORWOOD.

Mrottesley of Mrottesley.

ARMS.*—Quarterly—1 and 4. Or, three piles sable, a canton ermine.
2. Gules, a chevron azure (sic) between three garbs or.
3. Per pale or and azure, two bars counterchanged.

CREST.—Out of a ducal coronet sable, a boar's head and neck argent, tusked etc. or, charged with an ermine spot.

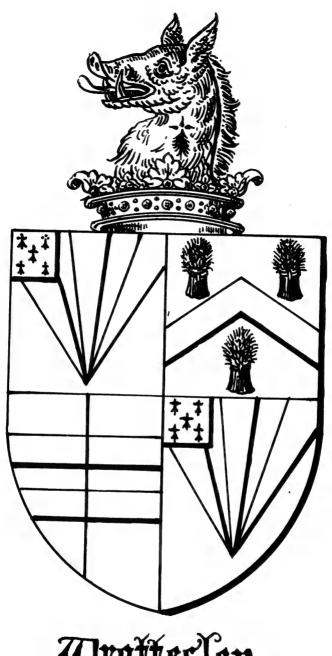
Sr Hughe Wrotesley, = Isabell, da. of John Arderne of Aldforde, Knighte of the Garter. Alderleghe, and Echells.

John Wrothesley.=

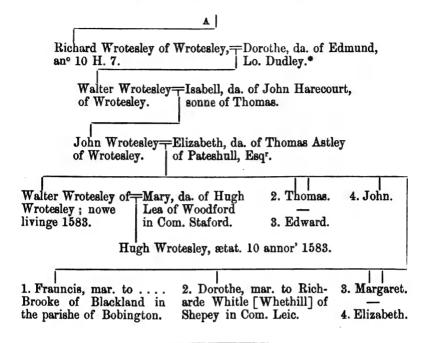
Hugh Wrotesley of Wrotesley in Com. Staford, Thomasin, da. of sup'stes 4 H. 4, tum ætat. 8 an'or'. Sr John Gresley.

Sr Walter Wrotesley of Jane, da. and heire of Wrotesley, Knighte. Barrey.

Erdeswick, referring to the Wrottesley arms, remarks that the coat of three piles and a canton "is set up in the Hall at Wrottesley with a garter about it and somewhat old; and for their crest a boar's head ermine, which this present man hath changed for a blue boar's head with bristles and tusks issuing forth of a crown all gold. The coat I know of right to belong to Roger Bassett of Warwickshire, and not the title or reason why Wrottesley should bear it." In the Roll of temp. Edward II. (referred to ante, p. 20) the coat of "Sire Roger Bassett" of "Warewikschire" is as stated by Erdeswick, viz. "de or, a iij peuz de sable, a un quartier de ermyne," and there is no doubt that these arms, together with the boar's head crest, were adopted by Sir Hugh Wrottesley, K.G., in right of his mother, Joan, who was a daughter of Sir Roger Bassett. In a Roll of the latter part of the 14th century "Hugh de Wryottesley" bears Or, a bend engrailed sable; and Glover told Erdeswick that the same coat was "set up at Windsor" for Sir Hugh, K.G. The second quartering in the Wrottesley atchievement is undoubtedly Baron, and was brought in by Jane, wife of Sir Walter Wrottesley, who in the above pedigree is called "da. and heire of Barrey." She was really the only child and sole heiress of William Baron, of Reading; which William Baron was one of the gentlemen of Berkshire who bore arms from their ancestors (see Fuller's "Worthies"), and whose names were returned for the defence of the Kingdom temp. Henry VI. The Heralds seem to have disliked the "false heraldry" of this coat. In MS.E. D. N. 13, Coll. Arm., and at the subsequent Visitations of 1614 and 1663, I find it blazoned Or, a chevron azure between three garbs gules, and Dr. Plot so blazons it in his Table XI., dedicated to Sir Walter Wrottesley. Possibly the true blazon should be Gules, a chevron counter-componée argent and azure between three garbs or, which is given by Glover in his "Ordinary" as the coat of "Baron, temp. Edw. IV.;" but colour upon colour was not so ve



Arottesley.



Whyrley of Handsworth.

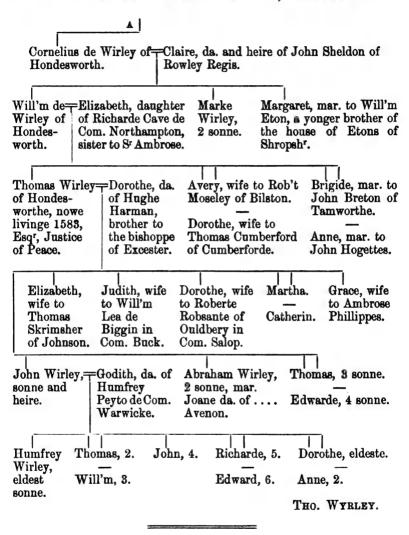
Arms.—Quarterly—1. Argent, a chevron engrailed between three bugle-horns sable, stringed and garnished or. [Wyrley.] 2. Sable, two lions passant argent, crowned or, each holding in the dexter paw a flour-de-lis azure. [Heronvile.] 3. Argent, a bend sable, between in chief a rose and in base a fleur-de-lis, both gules. [Overton.] 4. Sable, a fesse between three sheldrakes argent, beaked and legged or. [Sheldon.]

CREST.—In a ducal coronet or, two pairs of wings endorsed proper. MOTTO.—A pleasance.

These armes thus marshallede by Will'm [Harvey], Clarencielx, under his hande.

John Wirley of Anne, da. of Will'm Harpur of Rushall Hondesworth. in Com. Stafforde.

* She was daughter of Sir Edmund Sutton, Knt., son and heir of John, Lord Dudley.

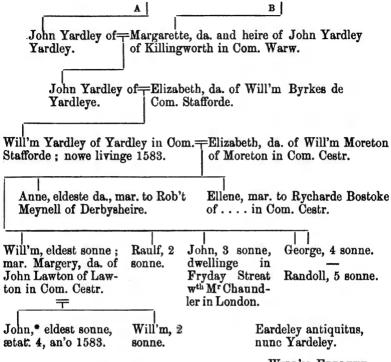


Pardley of Pardley.

John Yardley. —... da. of Marbury of Dadesbury.

Oliver Yardley of Yardley — John Yardley. —... da. of in Com. Stafford.

A | B | Thicknes.



WILL'M ERDLEYE.

The Arms of Yardley or Eardley, as given in the Harl. MS. 6128, and in Lord Hatherton's MS., are—Quarterly: 1 and 4, Argent, on a chevron azure three garbs or, a canton gules charged with a fret gold; 2 and 3, Argent, a scythe sable. Crest: A stag courant gules, attired and unguled or. The same quartered Arms, with the additional quarterings of Calcott (Argent, a fesse gules fretty or between three cinquefoils gules) and Dod (Argent, on a fesse gules, between two cottises wavy sable, three crescents or), are ascribed in the Harl. MS. 2187 to the Yardleys of Calcott, Co. Chester, who are stated to be descended from Thomas, brother of Oliver Yardley of Yardley, living temp. Henry VI., and his wife Emilia, daughter and heiress of John de Calcott. In the Stukeley MS. is a modern trick (no doubt inserted by Eardley-Wilmot) of the following atchievement—Quarterly: 1, Yardley or Eardley; 2, Azure, a buck courant in bend in the dexter chief argent, pursued by two greyhounds also in bend proper, for "Yardley of Kenilworth;" 3, Argent, a scythe sable, said to be for "Thickness of Warwickshire;" 4, Argent, a fesse between three bugle-horns stringed sable, for "Sutton of Cheshire." Crest: as above.

No Arms appear to have been allowed at this Visitation, for, as will be seen from the list of those summoned (ante, p. 10), William Yardley was "respited to Sir Ralph Edgerton's." As to the Arms themselves, the canton is the coat of Audley, and the blue chevron and garbs seem to have been suggested by the coat of Marbury.

This John had issue Edward, who had two daughters and coheirs, Elizabeth and Alice; the former married to Robert Wilmot, whence the Eardley-Wilmots.

NOTES

ON THE

Pedigree of De Wastineys.

BY REV. F. PARKER.

THE De Wastineys' pedigree, given in this Visitation of 1583,* on the authority of an old French MS. belonging to the Gresleys, traces the family in the main line from Hardolph, styled de Gastineys, to Thomasine, the heiress who married Sir Nicholas Gresley.: no notice is taken of collateral branches; and there are so many inaccuracies in the descent that it is thought advisable to republish the pedigree in a more correct and complete form.

If we may judge from the earliest spelling of the name (de "Gastineys") the family must have come from the district called the "Gastinois," lying to the south of Paris and east of Orleans; thus much is certain, that the first of the English line was a follower of Robert de Stafford (al. de Toni) and enfeoffed by that baron both in his Lincolnshire and Staffordshire estates. The generally received tradition, as already noticed, would recognise this ancestor in "Ardulph," Lord of the Manor of Osgarthorp under de Ferrers, following the French MS., which gives him plainly the surname de Gastineys; but it rests on no sufficient authority, for, while the long connection of the de Wastineys with Osgarthorp, and the fact that (c. 1290 A.D.) Sir Edmond de Wastineys gave the name of Hardulph to his eldest son, are sound arguments in favour of some relationship, yet Ardulph's claim to be the founder of the family would need to be established on much clearer proof, even if it were not directly contradicted by an early charter, which traces his true descent as follows: "Bertramus de Verdon omnibus hominibus Francis et Anglis, etc., . . . confirmasse Roberto filio Walteri et heredibus quas habebit de Domina Dina uxore ejus filia Roberti filii Hardulphi totam terram de Angodesthorpe (Osgarthorp)," etc. Robert fitz Hardulph had previously received these lands from Bertram de Verdon, who now settles them on Robert's daughter Dina, her husband, and their heirs. A subsequent deed of partition of the lands

Vide pp. 86 and 88.

of Robert fitz Walter and Dina between their coheiresses shews how Amphelis, the second of the three daughters and coheiresses, in turn conveyed a portion of them by marriage to Sir Philip de Wastineys: "Philippo vero de Wastineys et Amphelissæ pro parte sud remanent tenementa Roberti et Dinæ, et quod Robertus filius Walteri tenuit in Kirkebi, etc., et quod dicta Dina tenuit in Angodesthorpe," etc. Thus the connection between the two families is proved to have been through the female line, and, however wide the Leicestershire lands which his great-granddaughter's marriage brought into her husband's name, Hardolph can have no claim to be called "De Gastineys."

The true founder of the family was Goisfridus described in the Lincolnshire "Domesday" as "homo Roberti de Stafford," and who held lands in Brune, Carleby, Braseburg, and possibly in Dentune, besides the Staffordshire fees at Colton, Tixall, etc., being all portions of the great de Stafford barony, which were handed down for some centuries in the De Wastinevs line. The "Liber Niger" and the Fine Roll of Alan de Nevil, which appears on the Pipe Roll of 13 H. 2, compared, later on, with the "Testa de Nevil" of both counties, the Hundred Rolls of Lincolnshire, and other evidence, clearly prove that these lands were possessed by Sir William and Sir Geoffrey de Wastineys. circa 1167-8 A.D. Of these knights, the elder, Sir William, could not have been born later than 1120 A.D., since his sons, together with Sir Geoffrey, did suit in de Stafford's court between 1158 and 1165 (v. "Staffs. Coll.," vol. 2). This would leave but little time for re-feofment to another family; whilst, supposing Goisfrid to have died without issue, and an entirely new feofment to have been made, it is all but impossible that it should have been formed from those identical manors in the same counties. Mr. Evton's authority (as General Wrottesley suggests) may be quoted in support of this view: "That when a certain tenant is found holding different manors of one feudal lord, and you meet with the same manors held two or three generations afterwards by a tenant under the same feudal superiors and by the same service, the second tenant is the undoubted descendant of the first." That the name "Geoffrey" continued in the family is proved by "Liber Niger," and by the pedigree of the Tixal line.

Who succeeded "Goisfrid" we are unable to decide without further evidence, for it seems most probable that the William and Geoffrey de Wastineys of "Liber Niger" were not his sons, but his grandsons, and, if so, one generation has been lost; that Sir Geoffrey held the Tixall fee, and founded that branch of the family is certain from Alan de Nevill's Roll. Sir William, the elder, was married, we believe, to Alice de Acton, and had certainly two sons, William and Robert, the

same already alluded to as present in Robert de Stafford's court, and again in a Lincolnshire trial of 3 R. 1 (1191 A.D.). After the death of Robert, his widow Agatha married William de St. Landa, a Lincolnshire knight; a dispute arose about her dower, and she was compelled to call her son Joceus de Wastineys to be her warrantor, when challenged by Sir Philip de Wastineys the opponent. The suit will be found given in the Assize Rolls, and is valuable for the help which it lends us to understand the pedigree. If we are correct, as the dates and other evidence imply, Sir Philip was the son of William (2) de Wastineys by Matthania, sometimes called "de Colton," because her dower was settled on that fee, vide the Assize Rolls, circa 1199 A.D., where Sir Philip her son is called to warrant his mother's claim. The same records have preserved a suit for Colton property brought by "Agnes" and "Anselm" de Wastineys, who were very probably vounger children of William and Matthania. Amongst other trials of this date is a claim for land at Osgarthorp raised against Sir Philip and Amphelis his wife, the latter being represented by Elias de Colwych, her This is worth mention, as another link connecting the Staffordshire and Leicestershire estates. Joceus de Wastineys, the son of Robert and Agatha, sued Sir Philip for a freehold in Brune (Lincolnshire), and established his right; in a second attempt for two carucates at Carleby he was less successful, but we learn from the evidence that he had been brought up as a ward of Sir Philip's. In 7 King John Sir Philip himself is plaintiff against John, son of Stephen de Acton, for two-thirds of a fee in Acton (Trussell?) formerly the property of Alice his grandmother. The case was referred for trial by the great Assize, though it had been tried previously when Sir Philip was in wardship and a minor; difficulties and delays continued, however, to be raised, so that at one time we find Geoffrey de Colton, at another William Bagot, appearing for Sir Philip, and the ultimate result has been lost to us entirely, for the Roll of Feb. 9, 1207, remains unfinished.

Sir Philip de Wasteneys was opposed to King John, but came in and did homage (vide the Close Rolls) in 1216-17 A.D. at Mount Sorrel. The Sheriffs of Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, and Staffordshire are therefore ordered to give him seizin of his lands. The same Rolls of 1219 contain the Royal Warrant to the Sheriffs of the two former counties, certifying them that Sir William (3) de Wasteneys, Sir Philip's son and heir, is authorized to represent his father in all matters concerning those counties and wapentakes, during Sir Philip's absence in Scotland on his own business. A single entry in the Assize Roll of 1228 A.D. gives some insight into the state of public affairs, and suggests no doubt the right explanation of Sir Philip's sudden recovery of his

lands and his reconciliation with the King, already noticed. It comes out incidentally, when William de Wastineys sues John le Mareschal for depriving him unjustly of certain Colton lands which his father had made over to him as part of his maintenance. Until this Assize Roll came to light it was impossible to account for any "Le Mareschal" interest in Colton; but the whole is easily understood when we learn that Sir Philip had been captured at Mount Sorrel, and carried prisoner to Nottingham, where John le Mareschal had forced him to sign a surrender of the lands in question. The "Le Mareschal" interest was certainly paramount at Court until the date of the Regent Pembroke's death in 1219 A.D., whilst the Royal party had so much the upper hand in that part of Lincolnshire where the de Wastineys property chiefly lay, that Sir Philip's submission is easily understood, even if this surrender of land were not, as is most probable, the ransom which opened Sir Philip's death must have occurred somewhere his prison-door. between 1228 and 1235 A.D.; his wife Amphelis died, we should conclude, before 1224, since her son, Sir William; presented in that year to the living of Osgarthorp, a part of his mother's estate, while Sir Philip was yet alive.

Sir William de Wasteneys (3) is returned in 1235 A.D. (vide "Testa de Nevil") as holding lands in Lincolnshire of Hugh Wake. Hugh holding of Harvey Bagot by interpolated tenure, and Harvey of the King in capite of old feofment. Five years later the Crown gave Sir William the right to hold a weekly market every Friday at his Colton Manor. The Harl. MS., B. M., No. 506, mentions some grants of his in the same place, but they are of local rather than general import-Sir William's wife is called Margaret in the pedigrees, on what ground we have not been able to discover-probably that of some early charter; by her we believe that he left two sons, both bearing their father's name "William," though the younger is invariably distinguished as Sir William "le Jovene." It was a practice common enough in early times to give the same Christian name to two brothers; indeed. an instance might be quoted from the Tixall branch of this very family, where the names of Roger de Wastineys the elder, and Roger the younger, his brother, occur in the same deed of entail. Few difficulties, however, could arise to hinder more effectually the exact unravelling of a pedigree, in its early stage, than this recurrence of the same Christian name; for, while the general descent remains beyond dispute, the dates of succession in each individual case are left uncertain. After carefully reviewing the whole question, we should conclude that the William de Wastineys who, with Stephen his brother, witnessed a Leicestershire deed of Agnes de Gresley, Prioress of Grace Dieu, in 1242 A.D., was the

son of Sir William (3) and grandson of Sir Philip. The Stephen here mentioned must be the same who was admitted (by the Royal Warrant to Philip Marmyun and William Bagod), A.D. 1267, into the King's peace on giving security for good behaviour, and who gave further proof subsequently of his turbulent character, when sent by his brother William in 1271 to Emma Bagot's house in Hacunby. It appears from the Hundred Rolls that the band under his command, not satisfied with robbing her of property valued at 100s., carried off Simon Bagot her brother and two Hoyland men prisoners. The latter they beheaded summarily in the Park at Brune, whilst Simon was kept in captivity for six years, until Emma Bagot paid Sir William twenty marcs for his release: a strange picture of the lawlessness of those days. Sir William de Wastenevs was himself Sheriff of Lincolnshire at the time. that, both in 1242 and 1271, Stephen is mentioned, with Sir William his brother, who was certainly living in 1276 A.D., when the suit appears in the Lincolnshire Hundred Rolls, makes it very unlikely that these could be Sir Philip's sons, or that Sir William, who would then be at the least seventy years of age, was the active and tyrannical Sheriff here represented. On these grounds we prefer to identify the William and Stephen in question with Sir Philip's grandsons and the sons of William (3) de Wastineys. On any other supposition there must have been a William and Stephen in each generation, which is not at all probable.*

The William de Wastineys who signed a Colton grant together with William, styled the young Lord (le Jovene), is doubtless the same who was fourth of his name, and whom we find obtaining (in 1264) the right of free warren over the Lincolnshire, Staffordshire, and Leicestershire lands. The Colton estate of the family that same year is valued at a knight's fee, and here (as we gather from the Assize Roll 1263) Sir William "le Jovene" chiefly resided. In 1277 the Post M. Inquisitions prove that he shared certain rights in Colton with William le Mareschal lately deceased. Probably he did not live beyond 1281, for the next year John de Wasteneys was the joint Lord with John de Mareschal of the same land. Two daughters, Alice and Joan, besides a son William, certainly survived him; their names occur first in the Roll as paying half-marc to have an assize. The son there can be little question is the same William whom we meet again in 1299 and 1317 A.D. as William "le younge Louerd," or Le Louerd de "Luttlehay," and who left a son called Robert, or Robert de "Luttlehay," mentioned in 1322.



The whole question is obscure, and in the absence of better evidence must remain an open one.

To recur now to the elder line, i.e. to the children of Sir William, the Sheriff of Lincolnshire. Besides John, the heir, there was a son Reginald, whose name occurs in 1308, and again in 1322 as the father of another William (v. Patent Rolls). We believe that the well-known Sir Edmond de Wastineys, who founded the Nottinghamshire branch of the family, was probably another of Sir William's sons. Wastineys married Isabella Hay of Acton in Yorkshire; like his father, he too claimed free warren over the Colton estate in 1293 A.D., and must have been residing there at that time, for, together with Edmond de Wastineys, he witnessed a Colton deed of gift. Sir John served repeatedly on the Great Assize, sometimes with another John de Wastineys (possibly a younger brother, but that is uncertain); he acted also as a juror for the perambulations of Cannock and Kinver Forests, and was evidently in possession of the Leicestershire property at Osgarthorpe. Threngeston, etc.—witness an action which he brought against the inhabitants of Tonge and Bredon for sending their swine to feed in a certain wood, called Wastenays Wood, situated at Osgarthorpe (Abbrev. Placit. 1304). As holding two knights' fees in Lincolnshire he was summoned to attend the King against the Scotch, the muster being appointed at Carlisle. The arms of his wife's family are described to be-"Or, on a chief gules two mullets argent."

Besides two daughters—Constance, named in a deed of 25 Edward III., and Elizabeth, wife of Sir John Cornwall, Kt.—Sir John left three sons: Sir William (5), married to Joan Bret, daughter of Sir John Bret of Norfolk, and widow of Adam de Cailley; (2) Sir Philip, who, by Willielma his wife, was father of the Thomas de Wastineys mentioned on more than one occasion in the Gresley Chartulary (1324 and 1342 A.D.); and (3) John, Rector of Cranwicke (Norfolk), a living which formed part of his sister-in-law's dowry in right of her former husband Sir Adam de Cailley.

Sir William (5), the next representative of the de Wasteneys, inherited a greater estate and influence in five different counties; personally too he was of an active, enterprising character. We find him serving in Scotland under Edward I., and not unknown at the Court of Edward II., if we may judge from the notice in the "Collectanea Topographica" of the knights who tilted at the great Stepney tournament, A.D. 1309, where he sided with the party of the Earl of Lancaster. Proof may be seen in the Parliamentary Writs that in 1332 he was summoned to assist the Sheriff of Lincoln in keeping the peace, and to appear at Burton-on-Trent prepared to march on the King's service.

The following year he was ordered to raise 2000 soldiers in the

county of Lincoln (vide the Memorandums of Burghersh, Bishop of Lincoln, and the Parliamentary Writs). Sir William was present at the Lincoln election in 1334, and was himself returned to the Parliament at Westminster. In 1325 he was sent by Lord Wake in command of a body of troops across the seas; but the climate of Gascony brought on a disease, that proved rapidly fatal, not long after his return to England. He left a numerous family of three sons and eight daughters (vide Gresley Chartulary). The arms of Joan Bret his wife are—"Argent, a bend gules, billetee of the field."

Sir Thomas de Wastineys, the eldest son and heir of Sir William (5), was not yet of age when his father died, whereby a difficulty at once arose touching his wardship and marriage, the latter being claimed by Lord Stafford, of whom he held the manor of Colton.

How this claim was adjusted we are now unable to say: Sir Thomas certainly appealed to Lord Wake, his father's patron, to interfere; and it can be proved that his marriage with Joanna, daughter of Sir John Toly of Wymondham, soon took place, because their names occur together in a Colton deed of 1339 A.D. Sir Thomas was quite as distinguished a soldier as his father; in 1334 we find him taking out letters of protection whilst with the King in Scotland; and again in 1343, when about to pass into France among the retinue of the Warwickshire Baron Nicholas de Cantilupe; three years later he was serving in France under Thomas de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick. is therefore all but certain that he fought at Cressy; indeed, the very next year he is pardoned for all offences he may have committed on the ground of his good service against the French. which is dated at Calais, Septbr 4th 20 Edward III., implies that he shared likewise in the memorable siege. Sir Thomas was involved in many law-suits; down to the year 1364 his name is continually recurring in the Patent and Fine Rolls, etc. His brother, John de Wasteneys, is mentioned in a grant dated 1346 A.D. The other brother may (we believe) be identified with the Stephen de Wastineys of Brassingbury given in the Gresley Chartulary. Isabella, who married Robert de Jortz, Kt. (1325 A.D.), is the only one of his eight sisters whose name has come down to us, nor can we in her case speak with absolute certainty.

It is remarkable that Sir Thomas's three sons, William, John, and Thomas, died childless, thereby defeating all their uncle John's efforts to perpetuate the family greatness. The estates passed to Thomasine their sister, and the ancient family of de Wasteneys died out in the main line.

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Page xii, note *, read antecessorum.

- 7, note ¶, read four mullets. These bearings were granted by Robert Cooke, Clarenceux, to John Wedgwood, by patent dated 20 Nov. 1576.
- 9, line 7. Although Sampson Erdeswick is here stated to have appeared and entered his descent, I do not think any such descent was really entered in the Visitation book. At all events no pedigree is to be found in the presumed original nor in the Stukeley MS. Three years later (viz., in 1586), Glover, as "Mareschall to Norroy Kinge of Armes," compiled and certified a long and elaborate pedigree of the Erdeswick family "ad instantiam et rogatu Sampsonis Erdeswike, armigeri." The original vellum roll, signed by Glover, was presented to the British Museum Library in 1791 by Thomas Blore, of Derby, Attorney-at-Law (Add. MS. 5410). It measures several yards in length, and the arms are very nicely emblazoned in colours. What appears to be an imperfect copy of this, transcribed from an old vellum roll belonging to Colonel Butler-Bowdon, is printed in Dr. Howard's "Miscellanea," vol. iii., p. 4. Most of the (so-called) copies of the Visitation (Hatherton MS., and Harl. MSS. 1415, 1570, 6128, etc.) give an Erdeswick pedigree, but of a later date than the Visitation.
 - 16, James Barnesley must, I think, be an error; for the then head of the family was either William Barnesley or Thomas, his son. The latter recorded his descent in the College of Arms in 1597, when the arms and crest of the Barnesleys of Barnesley Hall, Worcestershire (from whom he claimed descent), were allowed to him, with a crescent for difference. This pedigree is given in Lord Hatherton's MS., and has been printed by Shaw in his second volume, p. 209. But Shaw has, by a stupid and inexcusable blunder, made Thomas Barnesley (who was aged 3 at Dugdale's Visitation in 1663) the grandson of the aforesaid Thomas, whereas he was really his great-grandson; being son of William (aged 44 in 1663), whose father Thomas (ob. circa 1636) was son of William, the "son and heir" of the Thomas of 1597. (Cf. orig. Vis. in Coll. Arm.)
- , 19, for Ham read Ilam.
- 25, Waringe. For falcon's heads read lapwing's.
- 30, James. I have not seen any other authority for this crest of James. That usually ascribed to the family is, Out of a mural coronet azure, a demi-lion regardant or, collared of the first, holding between the paws an escallop sable.
- ,, 62, for Henryke read Kenryke.
- , 173, Dudley. Read also Joan (Welles alias Clerke), 90; and Thomas, 90.

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